

# Sunday, February 22, 2026

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

**Title:** Experiencing the Holy Spirit

**Series:** Prayer (2026) ... 4 **Text:** Luke 11:1 - 13  
and John 14:15 - 31

**Purpose:** I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to INVITE and EXPERIENCE the Holy Spirit infusing their soul.

## Introduction:

- ~ Read Luke 11:1 – 13
- ~ Read John 14:15 - 31
- ~ Review of the 'Prayer' series:
  - ~ January 25, Lord Teach Me to Pray
  - ~ February 1, I Have Nothing
  - ~ February 8, The Best Gift
- ~ This morning's devotional is in response to Luke 11:13, "*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*"
- ~ 1 John 5:14 – 15, "*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us, (15) And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*"
- ~ I know from the Bible and my personal and family experience that God keeps his Word; that every individual who accepts Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior receive the Holy Spirit in them and with them. I also have learned that I do not ALWAYS experience His presence.

## 1. Experiencing the Holy Spirit Involves FAITH:

- ~ Hebrews 11:1 and 6, "*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*" (6) "*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*"
- ~ Numbers 23:19, "*God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*"
- ~ Luke 11:13, "*...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*"

~ John 14:16 – 17, "*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*" See John 16:7

~ A person cannot be a Christian without being born again by the Holy Spirit. Initially we "feel" emotional peace, joy and relief. But the deepest work of the Holy Spirit is the maturing of our character! That is an experience that transcends emotion.

## 2. Experiencing the Holy Spirit Involves OBEDIENCE:

- ~ John 14:15, "*If you love me you will keep my commandments.*"
- ~ John 14:21, "*Whoever has my commandment and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.*"
- ~ John 14:23, "*Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."*  
see John 15:10 -14
- ~ John 3:36, "*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*"
- ~ 2 Corinthians 10:5, "*We destroy argument and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*"
- ~ Philippians 3:8 – 9, "*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—"*

## 3. Experiencing the Holy Spirit Involves HUMILITY:

- ~ Consider Samson – Judges 16:1 – 20
- ~ Consider Moses in the book of Exodus
- ~ Consider King Saul – 1 Samuel 15
- ~ Consider David – 2 Samuel 12:1 – 12 and Psalm 51
- ~ Consider Paul – 2 Corinthians 12:1 – 10

## Conclusion:

Song – Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me