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DEDICATION

We dedicate this book...

To the Holy Spirit, our faithful Friend, Counselor, Comforter, and Guide.

It is for You, and because of You, that we write these pages.

You are the true Author of this work. To those who do not yet know You, but feel an emptiness that can only be filled by Your presence.

May this book be an invitation to the Encounter that transforms forever.

To our family, who are living witnesses of Your grace.

And to all who, even without understanding everything, have chosen to believe.

You are part of this story.



ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

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Marcos and Evelyn are a couple who are passionate about Jesus and the truth of the Gospel. United not only in love and life but also in mission, they have dedicated their lives to serving God's kingdom with joy, faith, and obedience.

The story of this book began on an ordinary morning, but with an extraordinary awakening. While listening to three gentlemen discuss the Holy Spirit in a Stoneham, Massachusetts coffee shop, Marcos felt deeply disturbed: How, after so long, could so many still not know Him? This conversation rekindled a flame that was already burning in the couple's hearts: to present the Holy Spirit as He truly is—a living, loving, accessible, and present Person.

Moved by this calling, Marcos and Evelyn combined their stories, experiences, and faith to write "*The Friend: The Spirit of Truth Whom the World Does Not Know*." This book, written in partnership with the Holy Spirit, is meant to reach thirsty hearts and awaken deep relationships with the One who is the Father's promise.

Their mission is clear: to make the Holy Spirit known—not just through words, but through life.



INTRODUCTION

The Friend: The Spirit of Truth Whom the World Did Does Know

He is special, much more than special. Words cannot describe His beauty and presence, for He is wonderful. I am speaking of my friend, the Spirit of Truth, who is as special as the Father and the Son. He is the light that guides us along the way and the voice that teaches us about the Father's heart and introduces us to the Son. He is the way that leads us home. He is the Helper promised by our Lord Jesus Christ!

In ancient times, when man still walked between the dust and the breath of God, the promise was sown: the Comforter would come, the One who would guide into all truth, the One who would not speak of Himself but would say all that He hears and tell you what is to come.

Behold, since then, many have sought to understand this mystery; many have awaited Him, and many others



have denied Him. The world, with its wisdom, did not know Him; with its strength, it did not reach Him; with its haste, it did not wait for Him.

But the promise remained faithful, for He who promised does not lie or change. Thus, the Spirit of Truth came, comes, and will come—invisible to the carnal eye, but visible to the believing heart.

This book is not a product of human reason, but of the inspiration that blows wherever it pleases, like the wind whose origin and destination are unknown. It is a call to those who still desire to know the Friend whom Jesus revealed to his disciples:

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever: the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

John 14:16-17

Here are narrated the words and visions of souls surrendered to the LORD, of servants who, like the prophets, heard the call and could not remain silent.

May each reader, upon opening these pages, do so not only with physical eyes but also with the eyes of the soul, willing to see the Invisible, hear the Silence that speaks, and follow the One who is the faithful and true Friend.

For the world did not know Him...But you who read can know Him.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says.





Chapter 1



THE SPIRIT WHOM THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW

We have lived wonderful days, times in which the Holy Spirit has brought us to life in communion with the Father and the Son. He has granted us the grace to experience the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Christ, our Lord and Savior, who takes away the sin of the world.

The Holy Spirit has been our guide, our support in weakness, our shield, our fortress, our strong tower. He is a constant presence in our lives, feeding us with our daily bread, protecting us from the cold, and being a refreshing breeze in the heat. He is our true friend, our beloved, and our love.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit is like reciting poetry; he is wonderful and our joy. He leads us to witness to the Father and the Son, to glorify the Son, to recognize the Father's love manifested in the Son, to understand the Scriptures, and to gain clarity when reading the Word of God. He guides us along the way, being our very life.



We are immensely grateful to him, and with all our being, we want to testify to you that he is truly wonderful and is our friend.

Truly, truly, I say to you: there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother, more faithful than time itself, closer than the very breath of life.

He does not cry out in the squares or raise his voice in the streets, but whispers secretly to the brokenhearted: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

He is the Spirit of Truth, sent by the Father, promised by the Son, unknown to the world, but known by those who love him and keep his word.

The world does not know him, for its eyes are closed in the blindness of pride, and its ears are deaf to the cry of the Eternal.

But to those who receive him, he gives the power to become children of God, born not of flesh or of blood, or of the will of man, but of God’s Spirit.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” Revelation 3:20.

Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh



and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and revealed to us the face of the Father.

But before leaving, the Eternal Son promised:

“I will not leave you as orphans... I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor.”

Thus, like a river flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, the Spirit of Truth was poured out upon the earth, not to be seen with the eyes, but to be discerned with the spirit.

However, the world did not know him...

The world loved darkness rather than light; it preferred lies to truth; it embraced the visible and despised the invisible.

There is no human understanding that can contain him, nor science that can explain him, nor philosophy that can comprehend him.

For he is not of flesh, or of blood, or of matter, but of pure Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, sent to comfort, convict, and guide.

The person of the Holy Spirit is fire that purifies, wind that renews, water that gives life, light that dispels darkness.

But he is also like the gentle dove, which descends softly, and like the dew that makes no boast, but fertilizes the dry earth of the human heart.

The world, in its pride, passed him by; but to the little ones, to the meek and humble, he revealed himself.



“At that time Jesus said, ‘I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do’. Matthew 11:25

Not many wise according to the flesh, or many mighty or noble, have received him, but the despised of the world, the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—to these he has revealed himself as the friend who never abandons.

The Spirit of Truth does not speak of himself, but glorifies the Son, and the Son glorifies the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Whoever knows him knows the peace that surpasses all understanding; whoever receives him finds the way, the truth, and the life; whoever follows him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Oh, how great a mystery this is: that the Spirit dwells with you and will be in you!

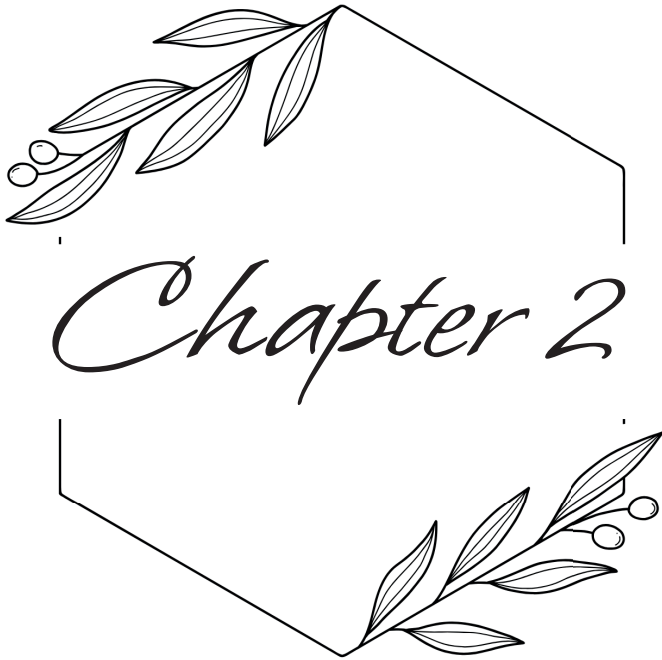
May this chapter be for you, reader, like the first flame kindled on the altar of the heart, preparing the inner temple for the dwelling of the one whom the world did not know... but whom you can know, if you believe.

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit” John 3:8

Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.







Chapter 2



THE COMFORTER: A PRESENCE THAT COMFORTS AND GUIDES

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever...” John 14:16

Here is the blessed promise: You will not be orphans; you will not walk alone; you will not fight with your own strength.

The Spirit of Truth is also the Comforter, sent from on high, descended like fire upon the apostles, like a gentle breeze upon Elijah, and like a dove upon the Beloved Son.

He comforts not with human words, but with divine presence; not with arguments, but with peace that surpasses all understanding; not with temporary solutions, but with eternity.

Humankind seeks comfort in the things of the earth, in riches, in pleasures, in achievements, but finds only vanity and vexation of spirit.



Only in the Comforter is there rest for the troubled soul, encouragement for the downcast, strength for the weak, and wisdom for the simple.

He is the Paraclete — the one who stands alongside, who sustains and intercedes; the one who guides along straight paths, even when the valley is of the shadow of death.

The Comforter is not seen with the eyes of the flesh, but felt with the eyes of the soul. He is present in the silence of dark nights, in the whisper that calms the inner storms, in the vigor that lifts the fallen.

As it is written:

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” Psalm 34:18

Such is the Spirit: He comforts those who mourn, wipes away the tears of the afflicted, lifts up the downcast, and transforms mourning into dancing, anguish into hope, and the desert into a spring.

The Comforter not only comforts but also guides.

As a shepherd leads his sheep, so he leads the children of God, turning them away from the abyss, guarding them from evil, and guiding them in truth.

For it is written:

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come” John 16:13

There is no safer guide, nor a more faithful friend.



And whoever follows him, even though they go through tribulations, will not be shaken, for they are established on the eternal Rock.

Oh, soul who reads these words, do not harden your heart. Hear today the voice of the Spirit, accept the comfort he offers, and follow the direction he points.

For he is with you forever—not as a visitor, but as an inhabitant; not as a guest, but as Lord.

The faithful friend is at the door...

Open and let the Comforter dwell within you.

INTERLUDE

Now, Let Me Speak to You

Child, up to this point, I have led you with poetry — with gentle images, with words that touched your heart as the wind touches the leaves at dusk. But now, let me speak to you more clearly, as a father who calls his child near and teaches him with love.

Because there are truths that need to be heard with an attentive heart, as it is written:

“Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live”

Isaiah 55:3



“The Spirit who comforts also guides into all truth

John 16:13

And now he calls you to learn, to grow, to walk firmly on the path that the Father has prepared.

Do not fear the change in tone. The same Spirit who whispered in the silence now speaks with gentle authority.

It is the friend—the Spirit of Truth—whom the world did not know, but whom you know.

And he will tell you what you have needed to hear.

Open your heart.

The presence continues here.

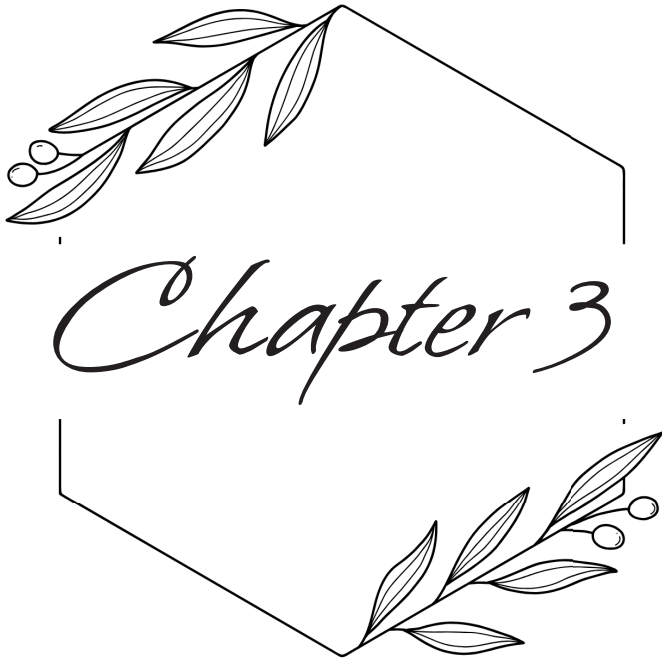
But now, with a word that instructs.

With light that reveals.

With love that shapes.







Chapter 3



THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

*“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

1 Timothy 1:17

The Christian faith affirms that God is One and Three. Speaking about the Trinity is a great challenge, as it is one of the great mysteries of God’s revelation.

The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

The doctrine of the Christian Trinity affirms that God is one in essence and three in persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. There are no verses that explicitly state “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one person,” as the Trinity is a mystery beyond our full comprehension.



Verses that demonstrate the unity and divinity of the three persons of the Trinity, often used to substantiate the doctrine, include:

Unidade:

One single name for the three persons.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

Jesus affirms his unity with the Father.

“I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and represents Jesus.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you... But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:16-17, 26

Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples, reflecting the unity of the Trinity

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one... May



they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one, I in them and you in me, so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

João 17:11, 21-23

Diversity of manifestations, but unity of divine source -
Spirit, Lord, and God.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Trinitarian blessing showing the three distinct but united
persons.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

The joint action of the three persons in salvation.

“who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.” 1 Peter 1:2



Divinity of the Persons:

Jesus Christ is called “great God”

““while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,” Titus 2:13

God the Father addresses the Son as “God”

“But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.” Hebrews 1:8

Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God

“Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” Acts 5:3-4

Three form One God (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit).

When we speak of the Trinity, we must keep in mind that we are speaking of a God who is supernatural. An eternal, infinite, immutable God; the Creator of the universe.

God has no beginning and no end. He is the only self-existent being. He existed before time and creation. Time



was created by Him, who dominates it. Therefore, it is the LORD who determines the course of all events. Only the God of the Bible is the living, only, and true God.

It is not possible to define God; He is beyond human logic and the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is Spirit and infinitely more complex than we are. Our small wisdom is extremely limited in the face of such Glory and Power.

The Majesty of the LORD

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?

Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?

Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counselor?

Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor are its animals enough for burnt offerings.

Before Him all the nations are as nothing; they are considered by Him as worthless and less than nothing.



With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him?

As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it.

A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple.

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord ; my cause is disregarded by my God"?



Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 40:12-28

“There is no one like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.” Jeremiah 10: 6

God reveals himself through the excellence of creation, as the Supreme architect. The heavens, all of nature in its infinity and richness of detail, along with human knowledge, manifest the glory of God. The gracious revelation of Himself in creation.

Therefore, revealing himself not only in history, but also in the beauty and order of his created world. Such glory, therefore, is visible to all. Observe carefully; it is impossible not to perceive the wonderful and absolutely Sovereign Creator.

The Trinity is a partially revealed mystery; its manifestation throughout Scripture is progressive.

The Bible speaks clearly of God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. However, it emphasizes that there is only ONE God.

See what some Bible verses say:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

Deuteronomy 6:4



“I am the Lord , and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.” Isaiah 45:5

“... there is but one God.” 1 Corinthians 8:6

If we were to use mathematics, the Trinity would not be

$1 + 1 + 1 = 3$; but rather $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. God is one God, yet triune.

Thus, we have the term: “Tri,” meaning three, and “Unity,” meaning one.

Tri + Unity = Trinity.

This is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is three persons who share the same essence of divinity.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully God. God the Father is fully God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully God. Yet, there is only one God.

From the beginning, this is how the Holy Scripture reveals God to us.

In Genesis 1:26, notice how the plural pronouns “us” and “our” are used.

“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”



“In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Elohim is the plural of the word for God.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are unanimous among themselves; they are three Celestial Beings, three minds that act and work together without difficulty, without friction, without any contradiction. They are three Beings who, when it is time to bless, bless together, when it is time to deliver, They deliver together, when it is time to perform a miracle, they perform it together. And when they manifest themselves in our lives, they present themselves as the ONE and TRUE GOD! Always acting together without any contradiction!

Throughout the Scriptures, presenting himself as the Great “I AM!” which clearly expresses this unconditional and independent existence, for He simply “Is.”

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” Exodus 3:13-14

“Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you, I am he.’”

John 4: 26.

“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8: 58.



I lack the words to describe what I feel, because I am impacted, amazed by the immensity of God's grandeur and magnificence! Hallelujah!

See what the Holy Scriptures tell us in 1 John 5:7-8. A very enlightening verse regarding the Trinity.

“For there are three that testify: the Father, the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.”

Other Bible verses that show that God is ONE in the Trinity.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:16-17

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19

“Jesus answered, “I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9



“Whoever has seen me has seen him who sent me.” John 12:45

“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.” Romans 8:9

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:20

“The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35

Jesus speaking to the disciples

““And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”... Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:16-17 and 23.

“Where the Holy Spirit is, the Father and the Son are also! This is incredible! It’s extraordinary!”



The Wonderful Wisdom of the Divine Plans

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

Romans 11:33-36

Even after a satisfactory explanation, we cannot presume to fully understand the mysteries and grandeur of God. For it is not yet the time.

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

I am moved when I read in 1 Corinthians 13:12:

“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”



After all, we learn through the Scriptures that:

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our FAITH.



A decorative frame consisting of a hexagonal shape with a vertical line on the right side. Inside the frame, the text "Chapter 4" is written in a cursive font. The top-left and bottom-right corners of the frame are decorated with line-art illustrations of a branch with leaves and small round berries.

Chapter 4



WATER BAPTISM AND SPIRIT BAPTISM

Baptism has always been a fundamental milestone in the journey of faith. Throughout biblical history and Christian tradition, it has taken various forms and has been understood in various ways, but it remains a rite of passage, a visible symbol of an invisible spiritual reality.

This chapter offers a deep reflection on two essential aspects of baptism: water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit, revealing how both complement each other and point to the full work of God in human life.

1. Water Baptism: Outward Sign of an Inward Transformation

Water baptism is an ordinance instituted by Jesus for his disciples:



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

It symbolically represents repentance of sins, death to the old nature, and birth to a new life in Christ. The apostle Paul expresses this truth clearly:

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” Romans 6:3-4

Immersion in water symbolizes the believer’s identification with the death and burial of Christ, and emergence from the water represents the resurrection to a new existence.

Repentance: The Gateway

Before baptism, repentance is essential. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, exhorted:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near”

Matthew 3:2

His baptism was “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4). However, John himself



declared that he baptized only with water, but that one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16).

This leads us to understand that water baptism, though necessary, is not sufficient. It is the beginning, the public testimony of an inner decision, but it points to something greater: immersion in the Spirit of God.

2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit: The Seal of the Promise

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus told his disciples:

“For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” Acts 1:5

And also:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8

Spirit baptism is the experience through which the believer is clothed with power and sealed with the divine presence. It is not just a rite, but a spiritual reality that grants humanity the ability to live the Christian life, with its fruits and gifts.

The apostle Paul clarifies: *“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit”* Ephesians 1:13



This seal is the guarantee of redemption, the mark of belonging to God.

The Spirit of Truth

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “*the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him*” (John 14:17). This Spirit is the friend, the comforter, sent to dwell in the believer and lead them into all truth.

Being baptized in the Spirit is, therefore, receiving this divine presence, which transforms the inner person and empowers them to live according to God’s will.

3. The Fire of the Spirit: Purification and Power

When John the Baptist announced the coming baptism, he said:

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”

Matthew 3:11

Fire is a symbol of purification, power, and divine presence. Just as on the Day of Pentecost, when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples (Acts 2:3), Spirit baptism can manifest as a striking experience that burns away sin, purifies character, and grants spiritual power.

This fire is not destructive, but purifying. Just as gold is refined in fire, so too the Christian, upon being baptized in the Spirit, is purified of their impurities and empowered to manifest the fruit of the Spirit:



“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”

Galatians 5:22-23

4. Differences That Complement: Two Baptisms, One Work

Although distinct, water baptism and Spirit baptism are not competing, but complementary.

Water baptism is external and symbolic—a public testimony of faith and repentance.

Spirit baptism is internal and essential—the true regenerative work that gives life to the human spirit.

Jesus himself was baptized in water by John (Matthew 3:13-17), not because he needed repentance, but to fulfill all righteousness and inaugurate a new era. After his baptism, “the Spirit of God descended like a dove and alighted on him” (Matthew 3:16), indicating that the Christian model includes both experiences: the public rite and the spiritual anointing.

Likewise, the first Christians, after believing and being baptized in water, received the Holy Spirit. In some cases, the Spirit came before water immersion, as in Cornelius’s household (Acts 10:44-48), showing that God is not limited to human forms but acts sovereignly.



5. A Experiência Contínua

Spirit baptism is not just an isolated event but the beginning of a continuing experience with God.

Paul exhorts: *“Be filled with the Spirit”* Ephesians 5:18

This implies a life of constant seeking, surrender, and sanctification so that the fullness of the Spirit may be manifested daily.

Through this ongoing experience, the believer is guided, instructed, comforted, and empowered to fulfill God’s purpose on earth.

6. The Spirit Whom the World Does Not Know

This is the central point of revelation: The Holy Spirit, the friend, is the Spirit of truth “whom the world cannot receive” (John 14:17).

The world seeks signs, rituals, outward formulas, but cannot comprehend the spiritual depth of Spirit baptism. Only those who are born again—who pass through water and the Spirit—can see and enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:5).

Like Nicodemus, many ask:

“How can this be?” John 3:9

But Jesus answers: *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit”* John 3:8



7. Call to Fullness

As we conclude this reflection, the invitation remains for each reader not to be content with water baptism alone, but to earnestly seek Spirit baptism, experiencing the transforming presence of God.

May the Spirit of truth, the friend, come to dwell fully in every heart, leading to freedom, holiness, and mission.

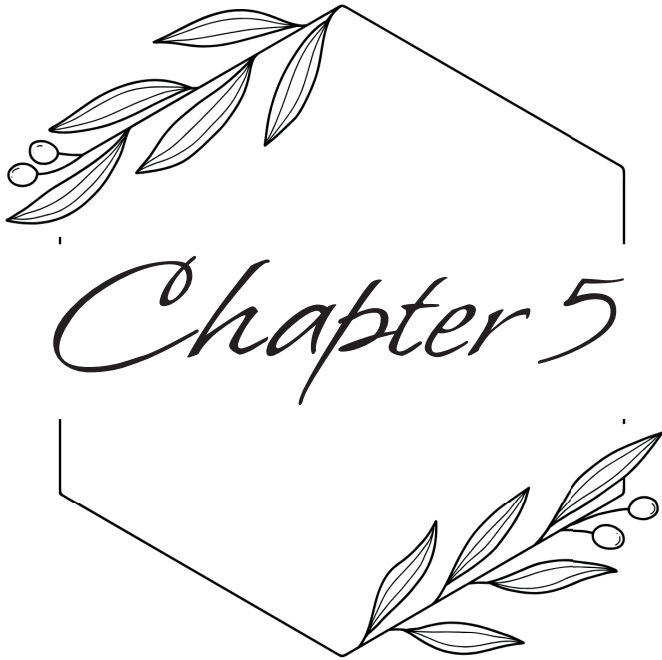
As Jesus said:

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them” John 7:37-38

This river is the friend, the Holy Spirit—the divine life overflowing through us, so that the world may see and know, through God’s children, the one whom the world has not yet known.

His peace is true peace. He leads us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. Everything is from him, through him, and to him. We dive deep into his presence and emerge transformed. It is the most wonderful experience we can have and live. May the Lord bless and guide us on this path, granting us the grace of the Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who brings us closer to the Father. Grace and peace!





Chapter 5



LEARNING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

The action of the Spirit in the lives of biblical characters.

The Friend, the Holy Spirit Guiding Philip to the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:29-39

29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as



a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”

35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

37 Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch, recorded in Acts 8:29-39, is a clear and inspiring example of the gentle yet powerful work of the Holy Spirit in expanding the Kingdom of God. He is not a distant observer but the Maestro who conducts every detail of this transformative encounter.



The Spirit's Guidance (v. 29):

It all begins with the initiative of the Holy Spirit. He instructs Philip to approach the eunuch's chariot, showing how He acts precisely and intentionally. The Spirit leads His servants to the right place at the right time. Without this guidance, this decisive encounter would never have happened.

Providential Opportunity (v. 30-35):

As the eunuch read Isaiah 53, he was experiencing a moment of deep spiritual searching. It was the Spirit who prepared the soil of that man's heart, awakening in him the essential question: "Who is the prophet talking about?". This question opened the door for Philip to proclaim Jesus, presenting the Gospel clearly and directly. The opportunity was not a matter of chance but carefully prepared.

Illuminated Understanding (v. 35-37):

Upon hearing Philip's explanation, the eunuch's understanding is illuminated. He begins to see Jesus as the Suffering Servant announced by Isaiah. This revelation was not merely the result of human words but the direct work of the Holy Spirit, who grants faith, convicts of sin, and reveals Christ to the open heart.

Conversion and Joy (v. 38-39):

The man's baptism marks the beginning of a new life. His joy is not mere momentary enthusiasm, but the result



of the living presence of the Spirit within him. He continues his journey full of joy, now transformed by that divine encounter.

Sovereign Guidance (v. 39):

Finally, Philip's sudden departure is another demonstration of the Spirit's sovereignty. He moves his servants according to God's purposes, leading Philip to another place to continue the mission. The eunuch, in turn, continues with the certainty of having lived a supernatural experience, marked by the action of the Spirit of God.

In summary, the story of the Ethiopian eunuch is a testament to the multifaceted action of the Friend, the Holy Spirit. He guides, prepares, illuminates, convicts, transforms, and empowers. This narrative inspires us to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to use us to reach others with the liberating message of the Gospel.

Saul, the persecutor of the church, encountered Jesus and was transformed.

Acts 9:1-9

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest.

2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the



Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

5 “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

6 “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.

8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Atos 9:10-11

10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

11 The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.”



17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized,

19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Saul’s conversion is one of the most dramatic and important stories in the Bible, and the Friend, the Holy Spirit, plays a crucial role, though often behind the scenes, in every step of this process. Let’s see how His presence manifests itself:

Divine Intervention on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9):

Saul, driven by blind zeal, breathed threats and persecution against Jesus’ followers. It was then that God intervened powerfully. An intense light, the voice of Christ from heaven, and the sudden fall to the ground marked the beginning of the transformation.

Behind this manifestation is the action of the Spirit, preparing Saul’s heart for repentance and change. The revelation of Jesus could only be understood because the



Spirit enlightened the understanding of that hardened man.

Ananias' Preparation (Acts 9:10-11):

While Saul remained blind and confused in Damascus, the Holy Spirit was already working elsewhere. Through a vision, He speaks to Ananias, guiding him to seek and pray for the one who, until then, was seen as an enemy of the Christian faith. Ananias' obedience, despite his fear, is the fruit of the courage and spiritual sensitivity that only the Spirit can generate. Once again, we see how God prepares the way for encounters that change destinies.

The Transforming Encounter and the Outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 9:17-19):

Guided by this heavenly direction, Ananias goes to meet Saul. Laying his hands on him, he declares the Lord's will: that he may regain his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately, something like scales falls from Saul's eyes, also symbolizing the fall of the spiritual blindness that prevented him from recognizing the truth. From that moment on, empowered by the Spirit, Saul – who would later be known as Paul – becomes a chosen vessel to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles. His vision is restored, but more importantly, his mission is inaugurated.



Saul's conversion was not just an isolated event, but the beginning of a new journey, entirely directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit. From the intervention on the road to Damascus to the call to ministry, every detail reveals the careful and powerful action of the One who transforms persecutors into proclaimers of truth. Paul's life, from then on, would be marked by constant dependence on the guidance and power of the Spirit of God.

Peter and the Guidance of the Spirit

When the Holy Spirit begins to teach Peter about the inclusion of the Gentiles, He reveals the need to minister to them the Word that saves, leading them to baptism and fellowship with God. The importance of the Spirit's action is evident in this chapter, and we will see more details below, along with the explanation of the text.

1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.

2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"



4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

6 He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

7 When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants.

8 He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds.

13 Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

14 “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

15 The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”



16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.

18 They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you.

20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

21 Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

22 The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say."

23 Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

24 The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.

26 But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."



27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

28 He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

30 Cornelius answered: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me

31 and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.

32 Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’

33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.



37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,

40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.



47 Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

The story of Cornelius in Acts 10 is a true turning point in the journey of the Early Church. It marks the expansion of the Gospel beyond the borders of Judaism.

Who leads this transformation?

Our Friend, the Holy Spirit. He is the one responsible for each step of this monumental change.

The Inspiration that Reaches Cornelius:

Cornelius, a Gentile centurion, God-fearing, receives a visit from an angel. But, behind this angelic intervention is the Spirit, who had already been preparing this man’s heart

It is He who awakens in Cornelius the desire for something deeper, leading him to seek the truth and to look for Peter.

The Spirit works silently, creating fertile ground for faith.



The Revelation that Transforms Peter:

Meanwhile, Peter has a vision that challenges everything he understood about purity and acceptance. Through this experience, the Spirit confronts the apostle's prejudices and prepares him to welcome Gentiles into the plan of salvation. The repetition of the vision and the voice from heaven reveal God's insistence on breaking down cultural and religious barriers. Peter is called to see the Gentiles with new eyes.

The Divinely Orchestrated Encounter:

It is not only Cornelius who receives guidance. The Spirit also speaks directly to Peter, telling him to accompany the messengers sent without hesitation. This intervention makes it clear that this encounter had a specific purpose: to unite two worlds previously separated. God was opening the doors of salvation to all nations.

The Outpouring that Confirms Inclusion:

The climax of the story occurs when, during Peter's preaching in Cornelius's house, the Holy Spirit descends upon all who hear the message. Just as at Pentecost, the Gentiles begin to speak in tongues and praise God. This unmistakable sign confirms, before everyone, that God



shows no favoritism. The same Spirit that worked among the Jews now manifests with power among the Gentiles.

The story of Cornelius in Acts 10 is a vibrant testament to the intentional and transforming action of the Holy Spirit. He prepares hearts, breaks down prejudices, connects lives, and pours out His gifts on all who believe, without distinction. This narrative continues to inspire us today, challenging the Church to proclaim the Gospel boldly, embracing diversity, and fully trusting in the guidance of the Spirit.



The Friend: The Spirit of Truth, Whom the World Does Not Know.

Deepening our knowledge of the Friend, the Holy Spirit, through biblical verses, which bring us more clarity and direction... how I love my Friend, the Spirit of Truth.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [...] But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:18, 26



He convicts us of sin.

“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:” John 16:8

He frees us from condemnation and empowers us to live a holy life. He assures us of judgment.

“and judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.” John 16:10-11

He guides us to the righteousness of Christ.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:1-4

The Holy Spirit guarantees us victory over the spiritual forces of evil and prepares us for eternal life. He is one with the Father and the Son, just as the Father and the Son are one. He was from the beginning, as described in Genesis 1:2

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”



And He will be present until the end of time, as it is written in Revelation 22:17

“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and whoever wishes, let them take the free gift of the water of life.”

Just as the Father and the Son are one, HE, the Friend, the Holy Spirit, is one with us

“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.” John 14:10

“I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

His presence is a promise:

“I will not leave you as orphans”... in John 14:18a

The Holy Spirit reveals the complete truth to us, fulfilling the divine purpose

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 16:13

In addition, He has sealed us and guaranteed our inheritance in Christ

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed,



you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possessions—to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14

Through the Spirit, we also receive gifts for the building up of the Church, the body of Christ.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, different kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

And along the way we also produce fruit that reflects the character of Christ Jesus our Lord.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

In this institution we are having the privilege of being introduced by HIMSELF, THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD



The encounter with the Holy Spirit and the New Birth

At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit manifests: *“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”* Matthew 3:16-17

This event marks the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, anointed by the Holy Spirit. The new birth, the central theme of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, is only possible through the action of the Holy Spirit, our Friend:

“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” [...] Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” John 3:3,6

The Friend, the Holy Spirit, loves us, guides us, protects us, and leads us to God through Christ!

Living according to God's will requires this new birth.

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:14



The Holy Spirit: Person and Relationship

The Holy Spirit is a force in person, the Person of God dwelling in us, for in some chapters we will have more clarity about the wonderful person of my Friend, the Holy Spirit.

“Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” Acts 5:3-4

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

We should relate to Him in prayer, fasting, and abstinence

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7



*Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”*

Joel 2:12

*“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain
from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.”*

1 Peter 2:11



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Chapter 6



FROM HEARING TO SEEING, FROM LONGING TO ENCOUNTER

Since the dawn of humanity, God has always revealed Himself to humankind progressively, like someone slowly approaching a loved one, respecting their limits and preparing them for a full encounter. Many lived and died only with echoes of this God, with traditions, rites, and stories passed down through generations. Knowing God was, for most, an indirect experience—a matter of “hearing about” Him.

This was the case with Job, a blameless and upright man who lived faithfully, but whose experience with God was limited to traditional knowledge, reverent but distant. After an intense journey of pain, questions, and profound encounters with the divine mystery, Job could finally say:

“My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you” Job 42:5



This verse does not speak only of Job. It mirrors the spiritual journey of all who desire more than a religion of words; who yearn for a living and real experience with God. The Friend, the Spirit of Truth—whom the world did not know—is the One who leads us from this place of superficiality to a deep, transformative, intimate relationship.

Jesus announced that the Holy Spirit would be sent into the world as this Friend, the Paraclete, the Comforter. He said:

“The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you” John 14:17

The Spirit is the invisible yet real presence; silent yet powerful, transforming hearts and minds.

The prophet Joel, centuries before Christ, had already proclaimed the divine promise:

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” Joel 2:28-29

This promise was not just for a spiritual elite, but for “all people.” A universal outpouring that breaks down cultural, social, and religious barriers. No longer knowledge



restricted to priests, prophets, or kings, but an experience available to all who open their hearts.

The Spirit of Truth is the One who fulfills Joel's promise and makes Job's experience possible. He takes us from the knowledge of hearing about to the knowledge that sees, touches, feels, and transforms. He is not just a theological concept or an impersonal force, but a divine Person who desires to dwell within us, guide us, and transform us.

Many live, even today, like Job before his encounter: they know God from hearing about Him, they participate in religious traditions, but they have not yet had their spiritual eyes opened to see the glory, grace, and love of God manifested in their own lives. It is the Holy Spirit who performs this inner miracle. He convicts, illuminates, reveals. He takes us from the letter to the Spirit, from information to experience.

This is why Jesus said: *"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you"* John 16:7

Without the Spirit, we would remain in the shadows of "hearing about." With the Spirit, we begin to experience the "now my eyes have seen you."

This chapter, therefore, is an invitation: do not be content with hearing about. Desire to see. Desire to know. Cry out for the promise that is still within reach of all today: *"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."* The Friend is at the door,



ready to enter, dwell, and transform. It is not an experience for a privileged few, but for all who desire to know God with depth and truth.

The Spirit of Truth, whom the world did not know, wants to be your Friend. He is the One who leads us from words to vision, from ritual to presence, from tradition to transformation.

May this also be your testimony: “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.”







Chapter 7



TWO TESTIMONIES, ONE GOD

Personal Accounts of the Holy Spirit's Action in the Life of Marcos Reis

He speaks to us clearly and personally. I share here a bit of my experience as a testimony of His presence. The song “Spirit, Spirit, descending like fire” was my first conscious encounter with Him, my Friend, the Spirit of Truth. Every time I sang it, it was as if my soul was praying. Even before I went through the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit was already moving in my life, leading me with love and care.

God knew me long before I existed, even in my mother’s womb, and was already preparing special encounters with His presence.



“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16

At 13 years old, while singing that song, I felt a protective presence, something guiding me, but which at the time I still didn’t understand. Years later, in 2003, in Miami, my life was completely destroyed. I was immersed in drugs, alcohol, and a routine marked by violence. I was a slave to sin, condemned to death—both physically, due to the circumstances of the world, and spiritually, due to my own sins.

It was then that, amidst the chaos, I heard a soft voice tell me: **“Call Teresa.”**

Teresa was the one who first evangelized me back in 1996. At that moment, she was fundamental. Along with Pastor Davi Bezerra and Elder Jean Andrades, they prayed for me and ministered the Word of God over my life.

On that day, my eyes were opened. I confessed Jesus as my Lord. The Lord had mercy on me... and saved me.



“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Romans 10:9-10

After baptism, my spiritual experiences intensified. It was as if the Word was fulfilled in me: I was led into the desert, and there... I failed. In my natural man, in my physical strength, I couldn't do it. But Christ, living in me, overcame in my spirit.

It would be impossible for me to carry the cross. It would be impossible to overcome death. It would be impossible to triumph over hell. But Christ Jesus overcame for me! For the love of God the Father, He not only overcame... but also kept me in Him, through the sweet presence of my Friend, the Holy Spirit.

One of the most impactful testimonies of my life was the healing of Jennifer, the mother of my daughter Natalia. She was five months pregnant when she received the diagnosis: HIV positive. Despair took hold of me. Those were days of anguish, fear, and tears.

But God, in His infinite mercy, intervened. We prayed, cried out, and trusted in His will. Three months later, the new tests came... and the result was negative!

I believe, with all my heart, that God healed us. He saved us, both physically and spiritually. That miracle marked my faith stronger.



“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

Glory to Jesus for this miracle!

As I have already shared, I have experienced many wonders in the presence of the Holy Spirit—and here is another unforgettable one

In 2007, I clearly heard the voice of the Holy Spirit telling me:

- They will arrest you, they will take you, but through the same door you enter with them, you will come out.

Shortly after, this word was fulfilled. I was literally arrested by US Immigration. God had already revealed everything to me: that an officer would arrest me, his face... even his name. And so it happened. They came to get me at my front door, just as my children were getting in the car to go to school.

I was imprisoned for almost six months. But in that place, the Holy Spirit guided me. He filled me with peace, strength, and purpose. Amidst the cells and bars, He used me to proclaim the Gospel of salvation. Lives were reached, and there, even in an environment of pain and uncertainty, I experienced the supernatural in the spirit.



One day, I was sitting in the transfer cell when I heard the Holy Spirit speak to me:

- Take the Bible that's in front of that young man.

At that moment, the young man who was reading the Bible closed it and placed it in front of him. Again, the Holy Spirit insisted:

-Take the Bible.

I obeyed. Upon opening it, without looking for any specific book, my eyes fell directly on Proverbs 1. It was a word of exhortation, an urgent call to repentance. At that moment, there were about 20 to 30 inmates there with me, all waiting to be transferred to larger cells.

The scene was surreal. So many guys talking loudly, joking, laughing, and using foul language. The moment I opened the Bible, one of them, speaking in Spanish, said loudly:

- Brothers, silence! Because the brother is going to speak.

I confess I was a little apprehensive. I understood Spanish well, but my reading in the language wasn't so fluent. The young man then sat next to me, with my feet against the wall, and I said:

**- I will speak, but you are the one who will read...
Read Proverbs 1:20-33."**

He began to read. It was something impressive... A clear, strong, precise reading. The words came out so directly, as if the Holy Spirit Himself was using him at that



moment to reach the hearts present. I just watched, amazed at what God was doing.

As the reading continued, the atmosphere changed. Some inmates began to stir, getting up and saying:

- How can you say that God is not with us?

I replied firmly:

- I didn't say anything. The Scripture spoke!

The tension rose. It was as if the Word was piercing every conscience present. I said clearly:

- The time will come when you will cry out to God, you will seek Him, but He will not answer... Because when He tried to reach you, you closed your ears and rejected His voice.

It was at that very moment that an officer appeared at the cell door and called my name:

- Marcos Reis!

I stood up, looked at those who were there, and said:

- Excuse me... I have to go.

I left, and what happened to them afterward, I don't know. But I believe that Word remained etched in their hearts.

Months later, as I was walking, reading a letter my sister had sent me, I saw one of the young men from that cell coming towards me, across the street. My first impulse was fear. Instinctively, I covered my face with my hands,



thinking I would be punched—the young man was tall and strong. But, to my surprise, he hugged me.

He said that Word had deeply impacted and challenged him... And that, through it, he had surrendered to Christ Jesus.

This was yet another testimony of how important it is to be attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, willing to be instruments of God, even in the most unlikely places.

I leave below the text of **Proverbs 1:20-33** so that you may also meditate. May this Word awaken in each of us the urgency to hear and obey the Lord's call because salvation is in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

20 Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;

21 on top of the wall she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:

22 "How long will you who are simple love your
simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?"

23 Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my
thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.

24 But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,

25 since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,



26 I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

28 “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,

29 since they hated knowledge and did not choose to
fear the Lord.

30 Since they would not accept my advice
and spurned my rebuke,

31 they will eat the fruit of their ways
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

32 For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

33 but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

Proverbs 1:20-33

While I was still imprisoned by US Immigration, I had another wonderful and unforgettable experience with God.

Around 10 pm, right after the service we held in the cell, I leaned back on the bed to rest. It was then that I had a profound spiritual experience—a true rapture in spirit.

My body remained there, lying down... but in spirit, I was taken to a valley.



To my right, I saw an army of horses and horsemen dressed in white, shining like sunlight—a celestial army. To the left, however, there was a frightening contrast: a dark and shadowy side, where evil forces were rising against my life.

There, in the center of that spiritual valley, the Holy Spirit ministered deeply to my heart. And, beside me, a person appeared standing, who said to me with authority and peace:

- Today they will fight for your life. Maranatha!

And at that moment... the war began. A spiritual battle was fought right there, before my eyes. But I knew I was not alone. Heaven was fighting for me.

Returning to my body, I lay down on the bed and fell asleep. Around 3 am, I was awakened by a dream. In it, my daughter appeared to me and said in a firm and tender voice:

- Dad, it's time for you to come home.

I woke up perplexed, my heart racing, and overcome by a mixture of emotion and fear. I knew that was more than just a dream... it was a sign, a direction from God.

Without wasting time, I called the guys who were in the cell with me and together we gathered in prayer. There, in that place, we sought the Lord with all our hearts, crying out for His will and direction



We had the custom of seeking God at 3 am, and at that moment I was on a seven-day fast, only with water and prayer—three times a day, according to the word: at the ninth hour (3 pm), at 3 am, and at 6 am.

After prayer, we went back to sleep.

That morning, I woke up a little earlier than usual, around 6 am. Normally, to shave, I had to wake up at 5:30 am and get the blade, but that day I got up at 5 am. I shaved, showered and stayed there, waiting.

Around 9 am, they took us to the sports court, a space similar to a futsal court, where inmates could exercise and get some sun for an hour. Some walked around the court, others played ball, but I... I just sat near the gate.

I stayed there, thoughtful, in silence.

The revelation from the night before, the moving during prayer, the dream with my daughter calling me back home... all of that stirred me deeply.

Noticing my state, some of the guys started to call my attention:

-Marcos, are you okay? What's going on? Aren't you going to play ball? Aren't you going to exercise?

With a discreet smile, I replied:

- Don't worry... everything's fine.

Curiously, I had my shirt tucked into my pants, as if I was prepared for something... even without knowing exactly what.

At that very moment, while I was still sitting and thinking, I heard my name shouted loudly:



- **Marcos Reis!**

I looked up and answered:

- **That's me.**

The officer then said:

- **Come with us. You have court!**

That was surreal! I knew my situation: I had been deported in 1997 by order of a federal judge. Humanly speaking, it would be impossible to reopen my case.

But God... Ah, God moves heaven and earth when He decides to act! The Holy Spirit, always present by my side, renewed my faith and gave me the certainty that the Father was with me. I knew... that was an answer to prayer, a miracle happening before my eyes.

In the courtroom, the judge looked directly at me and asked:

- **Why don't you have your documents? We noticed that you have the possibility of obtaining them.**

As he spoke, the prosecutor stood up abruptly, visibly irritated, and exclaimed angrily:

- **It's impossible for this young man to remain in the United States!**

He then began to list my past, exposing everything he could against me, trying in every way to condemn me.

But at that very moment, something unexpected happened: the judge's secretary called the two of them—the judge and the prosecutor—for a private conversation. A



few minutes later, they returned with surprising news: The prosecutor's wife had fainted at work and was being rushed to the hospital.

The judge then turned to me and, apologetically, said:

- Mr. Reis, I'm sorry, but you'll have to go back to your cell.

That scene seemed confusing and meaningless to human eyes... but inside, I knew: God was in control of everything. He was writing a story that I couldn't yet fully understand, but which was part of His plan.

I went back to the cell with a peaceful heart, though a little discouraged, as I remembered what the Lord had already told me:

- You will return through the same door you entered. Be at peace.

Three days later, to my surprise, an immigration officer from Miami came to, Texas, to pick me up. He had authorization to release me on bail in Miami.

What few people knew was that, during that time, I had prayed and fasted for 7 days without eating anything for a specific person: the immigration judge's secretary who, years earlier, had signed my deportation order.

The judge himself had said:

“There's only one way for this young man to stay in the country: if my secretary feels like opening his case and passing it on to another judge, because I don't want to be involved anymore. I've already deported him.”



And so it was. God touched that woman's heart. She agreed to reopen my case and allowed it to be forwarded to another judge. This opened a door of hope where, humanly, there was none left.

And the Lord... the God who does the impossible... granted me victory!

Praise be to the name of the Lord!

I leave this testimony to confirm and glorify the real presence of the Holy Spirit, our faithful Friend, the One who is with us every day, just as Jesus promised

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

Thank you, Holy Spirit... my Friend, my Counselor, the One who has guided me this far, in Christ Jesus, who sustains me in faith and renews my hope.

You are and always will be adored by me. Amen!

The experiences I had in that prison were remarkable and transformative. Still in that cell, I want to share one more event that remains etched in my soul.

One early morning, I was abruptly awakened. They came to call me for deportation; they would send me back to Brazil. They were shouting in the hallway:

- Let's go! Let's go! By plane, at 5 am!

Fear consumed me. I got up startled, grabbed my things quickly, and was taken to a room full of boxes



with deportation clothes. In front of me, there were several numbers fixed on the wall. The officer, aggressively, shouted:

- Get your box! Put on your clothes! Forward! Run!”

I looked at those numbers... and my number wasn't there. Confused, I told the officer:

-Sir, I can't find my number. My box isn't here.

He gave me a surprised look, went into a room next door, and came back holding a piece of paper. On it was my name... scribbled and crossed out forcefully. Looking at me, he said:

- I don't understand what's going on here... Go back to your cell!

I returned. But this time, I was placed in a tiny cell that looked more like a bathroom, with about five to seven people inside. There, I experienced something even more impactful.

In that small and suffocating environment, a young man with a frightening appearance was among us. My heart was filled with fear. Honestly, I didn't have the strength or courage to preach the Gospel. I trembled, dominated by the dread of the situation.

It was then that the Holy Spirit rebuked me firmly, but with love:

- Why are you afraid? I am with you.



At that moment, something changed inside me. It was as if fear had transformed into holy indignation, a zeal for the mission that God entrusted to me. I stood up and, with a determination that I knew didn't come from me, I began to proclaim the Word boldly.

As I spoke, the Holy Spirit ministered with power. That young man, previously with a hard appearance, began to break down. I saw him... right there... crying, leaning against the door, near the toilet. He looked like a child... crying after hearing about love and salvation in Christ Jesus.

But before that moment, the Holy Spirit had also corrected me:

- Preach with love... not with fear. Don't let fear dictate the tone of your message.

That early morning, before being taken to the room with the boxes, I remember being with other Brazilians. They were happy, excited, ready to return to Brazil. The atmosphere was festive. 5 am in Texas felt like 3 pm on the desert, an immense heat!

And me? **I was trembling with fear.**

But the Holy Spirit was with me. He allowed me to go through all of that to teach me a truth that I carry with me to this day:

Alone... I am nothing. But with Him... I can do all things!



I glorify the Father for the life of that young man. That day, an inner strength was born within me that I didn't know I had. And from then on, I began to proclaim the Gospel with more boldness... with more faith... and with more love.

All... by the grace and constant presence of my Friend, the Holy Spirit.

Often, it is in the midst of trials that we begin to recognize the sweet and powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. It is in this place of difficulty that we understand, more deeply, how totally dependent we are on Him. I want to share another part of the testimony I have lived with the Holy Spirit—a journey marked by grace, divine direction, and transformation.

I moved to Boston, Massachusetts from Pompano Beach, Florida. But, before that, I had a conversation with my friend Antonio, inside a car. He told me:

- Marcos, there's a guy hiring in Boston. He's paying a thousand dollars a day.

At that time, we were facing many difficulties finding work. So I replied without hesitation:

- Antonio, call him. Depending on the offer, I'll go. I don't mind.

When he called, the guy who answered had a different name, but I recognized the voice. It was Marcelo, my ex-brother-in-law!

-Hi, Marcelo, how are you?" I asked.



He called me by my nickname:

- Marcola! I'm good. How are you?

I asked about the job opportunity, and he replied:

- I'm working in Vermont, renovating some apartments. I need someone to lay tile.

I had a lot of experience with that, so I didn't hesitate:

- Marcelo, I accept the offer. When can I go?

- Monday- He said. **-You can come tomorrow.**

- Wednesday - I replied. **- Buy my ticket, and I'll be flying Wednesday.**

I arrived in Vermont, a state in the northern United States, and started working. After ten days of intense work, Marcelo simply disappeared. He didn't answer my calls anymore.

It took two years until he finally paid me the ten thousand dollars—a thousand for each day worked.

With no money at all, I went to Massachusetts. I called my father, my brother... but it was my cousin René who extended a hand.

I firmly believe that God put him in my path because there was a greater purpose. The Holy Spirit works in such a special way that the Lord did something beautiful in my life, and that's what I want to share with you.

Pay attention because it was something precious... something I carry with me to this day.

Upon arriving in Boston, I was welcomed by my cousin René, who took me to the house where he lived. He gave



me a room in the basement. The environment was difficult: there were rats the size of cats and scary spiders.

I stayed there, reflecting, questioning God... talking to the Father.

I walked up the street and sat on a small hill, trying to find peace amidst that scenario.

The owner of the house, Rubens—better known as Crazy—was in Brazil at the time. But this guy was a blessing in my life... and I'll explain how.

Sitting there, with my laptop open, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I saw a young man come down from a building and get into a car parked about five meters from where I was.

He started talking to some one over the phone, angrily, saying that he was going to kill his ex-wife and uttering absurd things.

When he started the car to leave, I felt in my heart that I needed to intervene.

I asked to talk to him—and, to my surprise, he gave me the opportunity.

When I started to speak, he interrupted me:

- Are you Brazilian? I thought you were spanish.

- I'm Brazilian too," I replied.

- Did you hear what I was saying? he asked.

-Yes - I confirmed. - And the Holy Spirit told me to tell you...



I shared a revelation with him, something the Holy Spirit had placed in my heart. At that moment, he was deeply touched.

The Holy Spirit broke him. He understood the true purpose of life and made a decision: he would leave that woman, but without harming her.

I returned home, which was about 20 meters away. I went down to my basement room, and shortly after, Rubens arrived from his trip.

- **Hi, how are you?** he asked.

-**I'm fine,** I replied.

- **René told me he's helping you. How long do you plan to stay?**

- **Unfortunately, I don't know exactly,** I replied.

- **You can't stay long** - he said firmly.

- **I understand** - I replied. - **But I'm already looking for a room to rent and also for help from my family. I worked with a guy who owes me ten thousand dollars, and I'm broke.**

-**All right, then. I'm going Everett, downtown and I'll be right back,"** he said, leaving immediately.

I noticed that there was a constant flow of people in that house, many of them involved with drugs, prostitution, and trafficking.

Even in that environment, the Holy Spirit spoke clearly to my heart:



- **Stay there.**

In less than ten minutes, Rubens returned home, visibly shaken. He ran down the stairs shouting, desperately:

- **Marcos! Marcos!**

- **What happened, Rubens?**- I asked, frightened.

- **I just had an experience with the light!**- he replied, breathlessly.

- **A light? What do you mean?** I questioned.

- **I found Jesus!** he declared, not knowing that I was a Christian.

- **What do you mean, Jesus?** I asked again.

- **He was with me just now!** - he affirmed with conviction.

- **And what happened?** - I continued, surprised.

It was then that he exclaimed:

- **I have a prophet in my house!**

At that moment, Rubens started carrying my bags to the main room of the house. He ran up the stairs and said enthusiastically:

- **Come! Come!**

He put me in the best room in the house. That day, he shared his story with me: he had been an evangelist in the United States, but, at some point in his journey, he had strayed from the path.

The mercy and favor of God, through the Holy Spirit, granted us the privilege of conversing—and, in that divine encounter, Rubens returned to the ways of Christ.



I stayed in that house for about six months, without paying anything. Rubens said with conviction:

- You stay as long as you need. If you need to eat, there's food in the kitchen.

Today, Rubens is in Brazil, living his ministry in his city.

Glory to God!

But, as I said, there was something special about that house.

One afternoon, while I was on the computer, God showed me a very special person, who has been in my life for ten years: Evelyn Reis, my wife.

- It's her - God told me.

I was surprised.

- What do you mean, it's her? - I thought.

I trusted, though a little hesitantly, thinking it might just be in my head.

But God led me through Facebook and I had the opportunity to start a conversation with her.

God gave me a word to minister to her life, and that word touched her heart deeply.

We developed a bond of friendship that, over time, only grew.

One day, her brother, Pastor Jonathan, saw my profile on her Facebook and said:

- Evelyn, you're going to marry this guy.



Evelyn was surprised because she barely knew me.

But Jonathan was straightforward:

- You're going to marry him.

We started to get to know each other better. That time at Rubens' house was truly special.

Besides preaching the gospel to those people and seeing many of them come to the knowledge of Christ and rediscover Jesus, I also found the love of my life.

The Holy Spirit revealed her to me.

We talked on the phone and online for ten months. Then, I went to Brazil for an event, and finally met her in person.

After a month in Brazil, we got married, and Pastor Jonathan, her brother, blessed our relationship and marriage.

God is good, and His presence, through the Holy Spirit, has sustained us and made us walk, even through difficult paths.

The Word tells us that this world lies in wickedness, but Jesus promised to be with us always. This promise is true and effective. Through the Holy Spirit, we can feel the presence of the Father and the Son.

Evelyn and I faced painful moments. We had three miscarriages. She wrote the book *"Mother of an Angel,"* a testimony of faith and overcoming.

Today, we can say that we have three children in glory, and a beautiful family here with us.



Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

I share this with you because the Holy Spirit is real, present in our lives. He is our Friend, our Comforter, our safe Refuge. **Amen!**

Personal Accounts of the Holy Spirit's Action in the Life of Evelyn Reis

Knowing the Holy Spirit

At the beginning of my journey in Christianity, I learned something very important, a “watershed moment” in my ministry. It was when I met the Holy Spirit.

In Christian circles, we hear more about Jesus the Son and God the Father, and it ends up being easier to understand that they are two distinct persons within the Trinity.

However, there is much confusion about the identity of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, I observed that many people think of the Holy Spirit more as a thing than a person. Such an idea, however, is a great misconception. When I met Him, my prayer life changed; everything started to make more sense, as if my mind opened with clarity and precision.

I learned that the Holy Spirit is as important as the Father and the Son. And what perfect harmony! The three working together in all things, from the beginning of Scripture to the end.



As we can see again in Matthew 3:16:

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said,

- This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

And indeed, the more we know the Person of the Holy Spirit, the more we desire to have communion with Him. And we certainly need Him more than the air we breathe.

The Holy Spirit is God; He is a Divine Person, not a force, or a thing, or something. I am saying this because, before knowing Him, I thought He was a movement, a wind, smoke, or a dove.

And when the Bible refers to the Spirit as a dove or wind, these are representative elements, just as, for example, when it mentions Jesus as a Lamb, a Lion, or “Living Water”; (all symbolically).

The Holy Spirit is a distinct person within the Godhead. He is personally and fully God, co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son.

The mission of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Jesus, convicting humanity of sin, righteousness, and judgment. And what is Jesus’ mission? To reveal the Father. And the Father, in turn, sends Jesus and the Holy Spirit so that we can return to Him.



For our better understanding, there are an infinite number of qualities that a person has, and a “force” or “thing” does not

The Holy Spirit loves:

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.” Romans 15:30

The Holy Spirit has intellect:

“But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:10

The Holy Spirit has knowledge:

“For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:11

The Holy Spirit has emotions:

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

He teaches you:

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26



He guides:

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 16:13

He convicts:

“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.” John 16:8

He commands:

““While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2

He prays for you:

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27

He fights for you, against the enemy:

“From the west, people will fear the name of the Lord , and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along.”

Isaiah 59:19



Certainly, the greatest purpose of the Holy Spirit is to tell us about Jesus and glorify Him.

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.” John 16:13-14

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples who were gathered experienced a new baptism, which was mentioned by John the Baptist.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Matthew 3:11

Jesus said:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the empowerment that He grants to the Christian. It allows us to experience spiritual fullness.

The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God in us.



Some Actions of the Holy Spirit in My Life

A Presence that Comforts, Strengthens, and Restores

Once, my father told me, his eyes full of faith:

“Daughter, do you know what my daily prayer is? Lord God, write the names of my children in the Book of Life!”

I have two brothers, Jonathan and Emanuel. We knew the LORD only from hearing about Him, but we didn't have a true relationship with Him. We were distant, very different from our father, who called Him Friend. He was a Christian and served God with admirable dedication. The intimacy he cultivated with the Lord was visible.

It was always like that. Whenever an opportunity arose, he taught us about the Bible. On one of these occasions, he told the story of the raising of Lazarus. But that time, something was different. I've never heard anyone speak that way again. He looked at me tenderly and asked:

- Daughter, do you remember the story of Lazarus?

- Yes - I replied.

Then he continued:

- The Lord Jesus performed the miracle of resurrection because, at that moment, it was part of His plan. But did you know that, at the appointed time, Lazarus died again? And, like us, he also awaits the return of Jesus.



He concluded the explanation with a serene smile, as if dispelling the weight of the revelation with a gesture of lightness.

Another day, while I was distracted on the computer, he approached silently. He placed his hands on my shoulders and, with a soft voice in my ear, said:

- He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. I am making everything new!

Those words pierced my heart.

At that moment, I still didn't understand... But God was already working. And He would use precisely those words, spoken by my father, to comfort me in a time I couldn't even imagine needing

The Bible declares that “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective,” and today, looking back, I see how true that is.

I was always very close to my father. He was kind, loving, and God-fearing. Sometimes, with his playful manner, he loved to make us smile.

Observing his faith, a desire was born in me to know Jesus and be His friend, just like my father was. However, this desire was lost amidst the pain. In 2009, the Lord took my father. I lost my footing.

But the life of a servant of God doesn't end at a funeral.



I want to tell you a little about this story...

Upon receiving the news, I was seized by such intense distress that I could feel my heart racing. I cried out in despair: “NO!” and, without strength, I threw myself on the floor. The tears seemed endless.

I ran to my room, and there, I remembered the story of Lazarus. I cried out to God, asking for the same miracle: that He would raise my father. But my father didn’t come back.

At the funeral home, he was there, lying alone in the coffin, visible through a glass door. That scene seemed impossible to me. It was as if my heart was breaking into pieces. Faced with the pain, I could hardly believe what my eyes were seeing.

The pastor—a friend of my father’s—arrived and began to minister a word of comfort. To my surprise, he spoke precisely about Lazarus. And looking directly at me, he said:

- But, unlike Lazarus, Brother Carlos will not rise again. The Lord has taken him to Himself.

That serene voice confirmed the reality. The silence of death had silenced my father’s voice. It hurt deeply.

I thought I couldn’t bear such pain. How could I imagine living in a world where my father was no longer?

It was the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who sustained me. As the Word says: “The Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” I know He never



abandoned me, because if He had, I wouldn't be here to tell this story.

Months passed. I cried for hours in my room and barely ate. We were all suffering. My mother and my brother Jonathan, despite the pain, needed to continue with their responsibilities. Jonathan, being an air force officer, carried an even greater burden.

One day, I heard my mother crying, venting to a friend:

-It's very difficult... Besides losing Carlos, I'm seeing my daughter sink into sadness. I don't know if I can take it!

I left silently. I didn't want her to know I had heard. But those words echoed within me. I couldn't cause her any more suffering.

A few hours later, she came into the room.

- My daughter, I need to talk to you. Listen carefully. Imagine it's not me here, but your father. What do you think he would say if he saw you like this? He would certainly be sad. Remember how he admired and praised you? React, my daughter, please!

She hugged me, crying. At that moment, I felt something profound. I knew Jesus was with her. And I understood: I needed to carry on. For me, for my family, and for my father's legacy. The miracle of resurrection didn't happen the way I asked, but it happened in me. As a song says: "I am the miracle now!"



Just as God encouraged Joshua after Moses' death, He also strengthened me. The Word said:

“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I have given you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses... Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1

This mission was for all of us. Incredibly, the Holy Spirit was already working.

Day after day, the Comforter lifted me, and the Lord sustained me with His faithful right hand.

Today, I can declare: His mercy is abundant!

“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

I thank God every day for the honor of having had a father who showed us the way. The longing is eternal, but love remains. Because those who love, feel longing. And one day, we will meet again—in eternity, where everything will just begin.

Have you ever thought about what Jesus' return will be like? What will it be like to see Him face to face? Heaven is real, and it's for those who love Him.

Life here is short, like a breath. But eternity is certain. The question is: where will we spend it?



Jesus is the answer. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Whoever believes in Him will never die eternally.

“Choose life.” Deuteronomy 30:19

On January 8, 2012, my brothers and I were baptized in water. It was a glorious day! A new birth. We began to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. Every Word heard seemed to be addressed especially to me. It was the Holy Spirit revealing, explaining, transforming.

Shortly after, a pastor said something that deeply marked me:

“The Lord does not stop hearing the prayer of a faithful servant, even if he is no longer here. He was taken, but his prayer was answered.”

I immediately remembered my father’s words:

“Lord, write the names of my children in the Book of Life!”

The prayer was answered!

We faced struggles, but the LORD of Hosts taught us to fight with faith, firmness, and courage.

“On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel...”

Joshua 10:14

Therefore, do not give up praying for the salvation of your household.



Today I can declare, with a heart overflowing with joy:
“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

I present to you my family: my mother Doralice, servant of the Most High God; my brothers, Pastor Jonathan and Evangelist Emanuel; and my father, Carlos Roberto—in memory—friend and faithful servant of God.

Our journey was transformed by the Gospel. And the message of the cross remains alive, effective, and powerful!

“Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.” Isaiah 60:20

We await the new heaven and the new earth. And on that day, everything will make sense. It is worth remaining faithful to the end. Because the end... is just the beginning.

The Presence that Guides and Renews

In 2015, during an early morning prayer, seeking direction and comfort in the sweet Presence of my Friend, the Holy Spirit, I was sad and in tears. I surrendered my love life to Him because the disappointments were so many that, honestly, I thought I would never be happy in this area of my life.



After the end of a relationship and suffering virtual persecution from a person dominated by jealousy, I decided to delete all my social media accounts. It was then that, in that moment of surrender, I heard the soft and firm voice of my Friend: **“DO NOT HIDE!”**. Immediately, I wiped away my tears, and an inexplicable peace enveloped my soul... It was Him, my Comforter.

Even without fully understanding, I responded to the Lord that, from that moment on, my social media would no longer be mine, but would belong to Him. I also placed in His hands all the people who were on my friends list. I decided that I would use Facebook only to talk about His LOVE.

And there, I prayed a sincere prayer: “Father, in Jesus’ name, if it is Your will that I have a husband, a companion, I no longer want to choose, because I know that my chance of making a mistake is great. Please, make this choice for me... But I only ask one thing: that he loves You with the same love that I have for You, and that he also loves Your Word. And wherever he is, take care of him, Father. Amen!”

That night, I fell asleep in peace.

Two months after that prayer, I received a friend request on Facebook. I didn’t know him, nor did we have any friends in common—except for my Friend, the Holy Spirit. It was Marcos. Observing his profile, I noticed that he was a Christian, and so I accepted. He was living in another country, in the United States.

After a few conversations, he proposed to me. And every time insecurity and fear threatened my heart, the Holy Spirit calmed me with words that sounded like balm:



“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Matthew 14:27

Sometimes, its even hard to believe how life can be transformed... How HE is able to restore a completely shattered and hopeless heart. But He is faithful to all His promises.

“God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?” Numbers 23:19

Jesus said he would meet me on the other side... But I didnt expect HIM to come walking on water!

Often, when the Lord makes us a promise, we expect Him to come in a natural, predictable way. But thats precisely when He surprises us, arriving supernaturally, revealing who He is: the God of the impossible!

God chooses ordinary people to live extraordinary purposes. These are things that we often cannot even explain, but that can change the course of our lives in a split second. And, yes, He is rich in details!

After ten months of online dating, we met in person. He came to Brazil to perform at a musical event in São Paulo. The following month, we got married—and now we are about to celebrate ten years of marriage.

We had three pregnancies and also three losses. Our children are with God. It was then that I wrote the ebook “Mother of an Angel—A Love Beyond Life,” which also carries incredible accounts of the Holy Spirit’s action.

We continue firm, with faith, walking in the Presence of our Friend, our Beloved, living new experiences



every day and learning more and more. After all... Where shall we go, if only He has the Words of Eternal Life?

The Simplicity of a Prayer

On this very day, as I write the words of this chapter of the book, I experienced something wonderful from God.

In the afternoon, to be more precise, around 4 pm, I stopped writing for a moment to seek God's face in prayer. And it was in the living room of my brother Jonathan's house that we experienced a very special moment. We knelt down, faces on the floor, and entered into prayer... detail: all in silence, just praying in our thoughts. It was incredible! I will never forget it.

As I knelt, I lifted my thoughts to heaven, and in the soft beats of my heart echoed a cry that said: "Daddy. My beloved. My Love!"

I felt the Lord leading me, and in spirit I contemplated His wonderful Presence.

And a Glory enveloped that place in the simplicity of a prayer.

I felt the Lord closer than ever before. It was as if I could see and feel Him at the same time. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, coming towards me. A sweet and loving Presence!

Thus, I heard the Lord say to me: "I am so close, I always have been, I am with you and I will not leave you. I



am the one who takes care of you. I am the same and I do not change!”

I experienced the comfort of His lap, as if the Lord were holding me securely.

It may seem a little strange what I’m about to say. However, I will try to put into words what I experienced.

In a small interval of time, it was as if I were in my mother’s womb, and there I felt the Presence of the Eternal One, who formed us in secret. No one saw you, but He was there.

Seeing this, I thought: “What is the Lord telling me?”

And I continued to listen to Him. Then, I noticed He was emphasizing that from the beginning He has always been present and active in our lives, throughout our existence.

He continued, taking me to the Sacred Text:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

Through the Word, He told me how close He is to us and how much He envelops us with His love, mercy, and forgiveness. He made us in His likeness; this is fantastic; we



are like God. But, at the same time, I felt so small, so the Lord said to me:

“Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you,” declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 41:14

“I am the Creator God, Savior, Helper, and Comforter!”

I was so enveloped in Glory that I wished that moment of inexplicable comfort would last forever.

So, I asked the Lord: “Let me feel your presence forever, Father. I don’t want to leave here anymore.”

With me were my brothers and my sister-in-law (Taiane); and my nephews who were sleeping in the room.

Graciously, the Lord spoke to each one who was there, supernaturally.

Finally, Jonathan gets up and says that he has something to say. At this moment, the Lord reveals Himself to us through His Holy Word.

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.””

Jeremiah 29:12-14

He continues the explanation and says:



— At the beginning of the creation of the world, the Lord God created man and woman; who were Adam and Eve.

And before sin, before the disobedience of the two, the Lord would go to them in the Garden of Eden. And on that day, when the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

Notice that the Lord first says to the man: **“Where are you?”** And not; **“What have you done?”**

The Lord seemed to be more concerned with the distance the man would be from him. And this happened because of sin. That’s exactly what Satan (the ancient serpent) wants, to break our covenant with God, so as to distance us from the Lord.

The Lord wants to be close to us, to have a relationship with us because we belong to Him.

The saddest thing was that we would be distant from God.

Then they were expelled from Paradise.

And today, to have His Presence, we need to cry out, pray, repent of our evil ways, and seek His face with all our hearts, continually. Because the veil was torn through Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice, giving us access back to the Father, making us Light for the world. And what separated us now separates us no more.



We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, which is the seal of God upon His people, His claim on us as belonging to Him.

“set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” 2 Corinthians 1:22

As my brother quoted these words, tears streamed down my face because it was precisely at the peak of creation that the Lord spoke to me.

By enveloping us with His incomparable Presence, the Lord answered our prayer and made Himself Present in that place, saying: Hear My voice! I am here to answer you!

Throughout that day, I was moved by the movement of Glory. In my heart, I asked the Lord to continue with me that Presence forever.

Do you want to know something? Whenever necessary and according to His sovereign will, the Lord will reveal Himself to us in different ways.

When we don't feel this Presence, it doesn't mean that He isn't around. We won't always feel it. But, if you have communion with Him, He will always be with you!

I couldn't help but share this experience; I needed to record it here.

The humility of my Lord, when He gave Himself for us on that cross, gave us the opportunity to be back in the garden, placing the garden within us: the presence of His Spirit.

“This is the covenant I will make with them: My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in



your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants — from this time on and forever,’ says the Lord .” Isaiah 59:21

The Fruit of the Spirit

The Spirit of God and Human Nature

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. Galatians 5:16

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5: 22-26

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18

The fruit of the Holy Spirit refers to the attributes of God in those who “walk in the Spirit.” In fact, followers of



Christ not only receive God's blessing, but also reflect His character before others.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:13

What does fellowship mean?

Union, harmony of feelings, way of thinking, acting or feeling, identification.

Throughout our journey, we should seek to strengthen our fellowship with God; He is our closest friend.

To have fellowship with the Lord is to surrender our whole lives to Him, to the point of letting Him guide all our feelings and actions. In this way, the Lord also makes us partakers of His eternal plans.

“Then, in worship, I find intimacy with You, and my soul finds peace. May the meditation of my heart and the words of my lips proclaim the beauty of Your LOVE!”





Chapter 8



THE LIVING WORD

Since I was a child, I'd heard it said that the Bible was the Word of God. I remember seeing it open on the living room bookshelf, usually at Psalm 91, as if that sacred text, in itself, was a kind of protection for the house. But, for a long time, the Bible was just a distant book for me, full of letters I didn't understand and stories that seemed far removed from my reality.

I knew it existed. But I didn't know its life.

It was only when I decided to truly seek God—not out of religiosity, but out of thirst and need—that I discovered that those words weren't just letters on paper. They carried spirit and life, nourished the soul, and brought direction amidst chaos

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

Psalm 119:105



How many times have I found myself surrounded by doubts, with a heavy heart, not knowing what to do... and there, among pages often marked by tears, I found comfort, answers, correction, and life.

The Word of God is more than a book. It speaks—and speaks with power. It speaks from the inside out, not just to the ears, but to the spirit. Because it is God Himself who speaks through it.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,” 2 Timothy 3:16

I learned that there is no healthy Christian life without intimacy with the Scriptures. Faith is not sustained solely by experiences, however supernatural they may be. It is the Word that strengthens, establishes, and steadies the steps of the righteous.

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter, but He is also our Teacher. And He teaches us using the Word.

Many times, in the silence of the early morning, I opened the Bible and saw the Spirit of God leading me to specific verses. It was as if the Lord Himself was saying to me: “Daughter, here is what you need to hear.” And, like a balm, those words penetrated the deepest part of my being.

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12



The Word confronted me: and I cried. But it also healed me: and I rose.

It taught me to forgive, to love, to choose good when everything within me wanted to retaliate. The Word gave me courage when fear wanted to dominate. It taught me that living is not surviving—it's obeying. And obeying is trusting.

The truth is that many want to hear the voice of God, but they ignore the means by which He already speaks every day. They want direction, but they don't open the Bible. They want miracles, but they don't obey what has already been revealed.

To know the Word is to know God Himself. Because Jesus is the living Word.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

John 1:14

There is no separation between the written Word and the living Christ. He Himself declared:

“The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.” John 6:63



Today, I understand why the enemy tries so hard to distract, tire, occupy, and even bore us when we decide to read the Bible. He knows that a person full of the Word is a threat to hell. A mind renewed by the Scriptures is not easily deceived. A heart nourished by God is not deluded by the voices of the world.

The Word taught me to resist, to fight, to wait, to be silent when necessary, to declare with authority, to believe in the impossible.

“Because faith comes by hearing the Word of God”

Romans 10:17

FAITH changes everything.

I remember a time when I was downcast, feeling like I wasn't enough, thinking that God couldn't use me anymore. And there, in prayer, He directed me to Psalm 138:8:

“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.”

I cried. Because I understood: I am the work of His hands. And He doesn't give up on me.

Are you tired? Open the Bible. Feeling lost? Read the Word. Has your heart grown cold in faith? Immerse yourself in the Scriptures. God still speaks: and He wants to speak to you.

Don't read out of obligation, read out of hunger. Don't study just out of curiosity, but out of love. Because the Word transforms. Liberates. Heals. Teaches. And saves.



“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

The Bible is not an ordinary book. It is an eternal treasure, and the more you know, the more you want to know.

The Lord taught me that whoever loves the Word loves God Himself. And that it’s not enough just to know; you have to live what you know.

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22

Today, the Bible no longer sits open to Psalm 91 as decoration. It is open in my heart—every day.

Jesus and the Holy Scriptures

Everything comes down to one name: **JESUS**.

He is the image of the invisible God, the Light of the world.

Jesus revolutionized history. He is the beginning and the end of all things.

He is the greatest phenomenon to ever cross the horizon of humanity. Incomparable.

The calendar of Western civilization is divided into **before and after Christ—BC and AD**.

Around the year 600 AD, it was considered that the birth of Jesus would mark the **year zero**.



Regardless of human interpretations, God is in absolute control of history.

Jesus fulfilled the greatest purpose ever entrusted to anyone on earth: **He is the living message who gave Himself up for love.**

History and the Bible intertwine, pointing to Him as the center of all things. He is the highest ideal of literature, science, and philosophy. Known by all nations and generations.

The Bible, in turn, is not a collection of disconnected stories. From Genesis to Revelation, everything in it points to Christ: the prophets, the psalms, the songs, the characters—all echo the promise of the Messiah. The great men and women of faith wrote about Him, waiting for the fulfillment of the promise.

Jesus is the truest man, the wisest of teachers, the most perfect of leaders.

He is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. The origin, the means, and the end.

All things were made by Him, through Him, and for Him. Christ is the pinnacle of God's revelation to humanity.

He is the most beautiful fulfillment of divine love.

Even before the fall in Eden, **Jesus was already the perfect plan of salvation.**

The only way that leads to life is called Jesus Christ.



He chose the cross—simply because He loves you.

He exchanged His crown of glory for a crown of thorns.

He took upon Himself all our shame and pain so that one day we could receive the crown of victory.

The prophet Isaiah had already announced:

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

By fulfilling this promise, Jesus transformed **the history of humanity**.

For many scholars, the Bible is a collection of sacred texts that explain the origin and purpose of life.

It is also the best-selling and most widely distributed book of all time, with over **six billion copies** worldwide.

It took about **1,600 years** to complete and continues to impact lives today.

The word **“testament”** comes from the Hebrew **berith**, which means covenant, pact.

It designates the covenant that God made with Israel on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24; 34).

But because of human infidelity, a new covenant was promised (Jeremiah 31:31-34)— **a covenant sealed with the blood of Christ**.



Many have tried, over the centuries, to destroy the Bible or prevent it from circulating. However, God has zealously guarded the preservation of His Word.

With the Protestant Reformation, the Bible was translated into various languages and became accessible to all.

Shall we walk through the Scriptures?

Dive into its depths and witness the living revelation of Christ on every page?

Jesus said:

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,” John 5:39

The Old Testament

Composed of 39 books written in Hebrew, it is a record of God’s actions before the birth of Jesus.

It is divided into: **History, Poetry, and Prophecy.**

The New Testament

Contains 27 books written in Greek, over a period of about 50 years.

It is the time **when God’s most beautiful promise is fulfilled.**

It begins with the four Gospels—according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—which recount the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



Jesus declared:

“When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.” John 8:28

Who would have thought that God was working in that way?

The same voice that called the universe into existence now spoke among men.

The hands that formed us in Eden would be the same ones pierced by nails.

“See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;”

Isaiah 49:16

Can you comprehend the value of your soul?

We are part of something much bigger.

The Eternal One has given us the privilege of being called His children.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! [...] And we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” 1 John 3:1-3

We are the miracle born on the cross!



Everything that was prophesied about Jesus was fulfilled
in every detail.

And the story is not over yet...

In the book of Revelation we read:

“HE IS COMING!”

He transforms the end into a new beginning.

**He is the radiant Sun of our new day: JESUS, the im-
pressive and inexplicable Love!**







Chapter 9



FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And do not get drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18

Many people imagine that being filled with the Holy Spirit is simply about feeling strong emotions or moments of spiritual ecstasy.

Although emotions may accompany it, being filled with the Spirit is much deeper.

The apostle Paul, when writing to the Ephesians, makes a direct contrast:

“Do not get drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit.”

Why this comparison?

When a person gets drunk with wine, they are under its influence. The wine controls their senses, their words,



and their behavior. In the same way, Paul teaches us that we should be under the influence of the Holy Spirit, not under any other force that takes away our self-control and spiritual clarity.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit means living under His continuous guidance, allowing Him to govern our thoughts, words, and actions. It means being so connected to God's presence that when others look at us, they see Jesus reflected.

Filled to Overflowing

When someone is filled with the Spirit, they overflow. They overflow with love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). It's impossible to contain the life of the Spirit only for oneself; it reaches others, touches homes, and changes entire environments.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an isolated experience of an exciting church service or a moment of intense prayer, but a daily lifestyle of continuous surrender, where He occupies every space within us.

The Literal Meaning of the Verb

The original Greek text for “be filled with the Spirit” uses the present imperative tense, indicating a continuous action. It is not something that happens once and is over, but a command:



“Keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit.”

It's like a clay jar being constantly filled with pure water so that it never runs dry. That's how our life should be: daily replenished by the Word, by prayer, by worship, and by fellowship with the Body of Christ.

It's a continuous flow, because every new day brings new spiritual battles, new pressures, new decisions — and we need to be full of His Presence in order to overcome and remain faithful.

Drunkenness vs. Fullness

The wine mentioned by Paul brings momentary joy, but in the end, it produces strife, shame, and destruction. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings eternal joy, peace that surpasses all understanding, strength for the difficult days, comfort for the deepest pain, and guidance for every step.

Where wine dulls consciousness, the Holy Spirit sharpens spiritual awareness.

Where wine brings confusion, the Holy Spirit brings discernment.

Where wine leaves trails of pain, the Holy Spirit brings healing and restoration.



A Divine Invitation

Being filled with the Spirit is living a supernatural life in the midst of the natural. It's waking up every day and saying:

“Holy Spirit, guide me today. Speak through me. Act through me. May my life be Yours.”

He doesn't fill us just to satisfy our souls, but to fulfill the Father's purposes on Earth. Therefore, as you seek to be filled with the Spirit, prepare to see lives impacted around you, for He doesn't come to remain hidden:

He manifests Himself to glorify Jesus.







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THE FINAL VICTORY

The time will come when there will be no more time.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for their soul?” Mark 8:36-37

Dear reader, pay attention to this mystery: In the sweet Presence of the Holy Spirit, we are led to the most glorious encounter in history, **the encounter with the Lord Jesus, in the air!**

“Here comes the victorious Christ, riding toward the final victory. He advances to judge and to war, but He does so with justice.

He rides toward the day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is LORD!”



There is no greater honor, no more sublime glory for a human being than this: **to have their name written in the Book of Life.**

Yes, there is a crown of victory waiting for you.

TYou can overcome!

Prepare yourself, beloved Church... it will be the most beautiful, most anticipated, most glorious day!

Ah, my dear... Can you imagine what that day will be like?

All the power of darkness has already been defeated! And then, a light never seen before will shine in the heavens...

A sound will echo throughout the Earth: **celestial trumpets, announcing the arrival of the King.**

And a voice like no other—**the voice of the Son of God**—will be heard by every creature:

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,” John 5:28-29

Yes! We will see our loved ones, once separated by death, now reunited **forever.**

And then, with our eyes fixed on the clouds, **we will see the Lord approaching..**

Tears of joy will stream down the faces of those who have waited in faith.

It will be the most fascinating event of eternity!



Our greatest victory will not be here, **but when we enter the Eternal Gates.**

Can you imagine what it will be like **to feel the Savior's embrace?**

There are no human words that can describe... And looking into His face, we will hear that long-awaited voice:

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

Matthew 25:34

Have you thought about the day **God will crown you?**

“The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.”

Revelation 3:5

Therefore, stand firm!

“For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith.”

Hebrews 10:37–38

“Behold, I am coming soon! Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”

Revelation 3:11

“Surely I am coming soon!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”

Revelation 22:20





Chapter 10



THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS LIFE

In sharing this story with you, I want you to understand that you will never be alone. Even when it seems like the end and you have no more strength to cry out, the Holy Spirit is the one who intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

The good news?

He is real and is present everywhere and at all times; His presence is beyond time. Therefore, He is here as I write this book, and with you as you read it. “I usually call Him My Friend.” Do the same, and let Him be your guide, your teacher.

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:14



“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” Revelation 3:20

Have you heard Him knocking at the door of your heart? Or can you hear Him now, as you walk through these pages...

His presence is irresistible. He is there, very close, knocking at the door of your heart, waiting for you to open it.

The Holy Spirit, the Friend, the Spirit of Truth whom the world did not know, wants to guide you throughout your life, teaching, comforting, strengthening, and leading you to Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Today, you can answer this call!

Open your heart and surrender your life to Jesus. He will receive you with love, forgive your sins, and write your name in the Book of Life—the eternal assurance that you belong to Him.

Don't wait any longer. Let the Friend be your guide and experience the joy and peace that only He can offer.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

May God bless your life, and may the presence of the Holy Spirit accompany you in every step of your journey.



Prayer of Surrender

Pray this prayer with faith...

Lord Jesus,

I recognize that I need You.

I now open the door of my heart and invite You: come in,
Lord, and make Your dwelling in me.

Forgive my sins, wash me with Your blood, and transform
my life.

I surrender all that I am to You and declare that You are
my Savior and my Lord.

Write my name in the Book of Life and guide me every
day by Your Holy Spirit, my faithful Friend.

Teach me to walk with You, to hear Your voice, and to
obey Your will.

Thank You for loving me and for never abandoning me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



FINAL REFLECTION

The Friend Is Still Calling!

Closing these pages does not end a reading—**it begins a calling.**

The Friend, the Spirit of Truth, is not just a presence felt in special moments; He is the **One who walks with us every day**, revealing Jesus, comforting, teaching, correcting, and preparing our souls for the great encounter.

He is not an idea, nor an impersonal force. He is a living person, **present, holy, and loving.** And even today, He calls your name

The world did not know Him...

But you have known. You have heard. You have felt.

And now, what will you do with this calling?



May the fire that has begun in your heart never be extinguished.

Cultivate the presence of the Friend daily, with reverence and love, with devotion and faith. Because the Spirit and the Bride say: Come!

Come, Lord Jesus!

And until He comes... live filled with the Spirit.



The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God in us.

We are temples of His Spirit.



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