Are you a spiritual person? Series (5)

Responding to the Truths of the Spirit, Exodus 3:11-4:17.

Last week, we dealt with the Holy Spirit who 'guides us into all truth.' This week we are dealing with what truths the Holy Spirit reveals and how we respond to those truths.

Truth #1: The Holy Spirit <u>confirms</u> the presence of God in our lives.

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16

In Exodus, God appears to Moses and commands him to go back to his people and confront Pharoah. ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "<u>Who am I</u> that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But <u>I will be with you</u>, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." **Exodus 3:11-12**

Moses asked: "<u>Who am I?</u>" God answered: "<u>I will be with you.</u>" It is not about what we can offer God that matters, but that <u>God will be with us</u>.

Truth #2: The Holy Spirit <u>confers</u> power and authority to the follower of Christ.

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **John 16:13**

Moses was concerned that Israel would not believe him, that God appeared to him.

God gives Moses two signs: His staff turned into a snake and Moses's hand became leprous and then was healed after putting it into his cloak.

Truth #3: The Holy Spirit <u>commissions</u> the believer as a witness into the world.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Moses gave two more responses, "I am not eloquent" and "Please send someone else". God responded that he would teach him what to say and that he would send someone to help (But you are still going!)

Your ability to share Christ is determined by your availability, not your ability. The presence of God through the Holy Spirit provides the rest!

Like Moses, have you ever responded to the Holy Spirit in one of these ways?

- What do I have to offer?
- They will ask me questions I don't know how to answer!
- They won't believe me!
- I'm not good enough!
- I don't want to do that!

Even when we have these excuses, say to Him, "But... if you'll help me, I will."