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The Church Jesus Built
Life with the Spirit

- A. Intro: When are you grateful for help?
- B. Big Idea: The Holy Spirit is our Advocate
- C. John 16:7 NLT – 7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.
- D. John 20:21 NLT – ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- E. Acts 2:1-4 NLT – On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.
- F. What does life with the Holy Spirit look like?
 - a. A Life energized with Power
 - i. Acts 2:43 NLT – ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.
 - ii. John 14:12 NLT – ¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.
 - iii. John 14:26 NLT – ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.
 - b. A Life enriched with Love
 - i. John 15:13 NIV – ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 - ii. Galatians 5:22-23a NLT – ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.
 - iii. 1 Peter 4:8 NLT – ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.
 - iv. Matthew 5:43-44 NLT – ⁴³ "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

c. A Life full of Hope

- i. Hebrews 13:5 NIV – For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”
- ii. Psalm 23:1 NLT – ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- iii. Psalm 16:8-9 NLT – ⁸I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. ⁹No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.
- iv. Isaiah 43:2 NLT – ²When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

G. Close: Do you want more of God’s Spirit?

- i. John 7:38 NLT – ³⁸Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’

b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: John 7:38 NLT – ³⁸Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’
- ii. Think: Am I hungry for more of God’s Spirit?
- iii. Action: Pray this prayer each day – “Lord, fill me with your Spirit today.”