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What was the secret to Jesus' success?

Lecture

- Well tonight's big question is what was the secret to Jesus' success? And kinda catch you up to speed for your kids that are new. 2007 had the honor of writing Co-authoring this book, Vintage Jesus with my friend, Dr. Gerry Breshears He is the former president of the Evangelical Theological Society. That's all the Bible college and seminary professors. And in that book, we answered some of the biggest questions and objections about Jesus. And these lectures are intended to rework that book and to rerelease it with an updated version. And one thing that we hit briefly in that book is what we'll hit in far more detail tonight and that's about it just give you the secret out of the box the Spirit filled life of Jesus Christ. So I got the opportunity to write another book just talking about this particular issue. And so, as we get into the study of Jesus tonight this is one of the most overlooked, most misunderstood, most neglected aspects of Jesus' entire life and ministry. In the first version of "Vintage Jesus," we hit it briefly. It's gonna be a whole chapter in the revision let me get to work and pray and you've got all the notes and we're gonna have a lot of fun tonight, or at least I will, so thanks for joining. Father God, thank you so much for an opportunity to not only study the life of Jesus but to invite the Holy Spirit to teach us the Scriptures and to make us more like Jesus. And so Holy Spirit, we invite your presence, we invite your power. We invite you to take the Scriptures, which you wrote through human authors and to help us understand them and experience them and live them and apply them And God when all is said and done it is my hope and my prayer and my request that we wouldn't just admire the life of Jesus but that we would experience it by the Holy Spirit's power. Jesus' good name, Amen. Well, here's the question, what was the secret to Jesus' success? And where I wanna start is by saying when someone does something extraordinary or world-class or history changing we tend to really examine their life to see what the secret to their success was. And so we wanna figure out what made Winston Churchill, Winston Churchill what made Martin Luther King Jr., Martin Luther King Jr What made Rosa Parks, Rosa Parks? How did Abraham Lincoln it affect the kind of change that he did in human history? When someone does something extraordinary we wanna learn from their example is where we get biographies and books. This is where we get entire movies and films made and we get entire classes that are architected the university level to just examine the lives of certain people historically to see what we can learn from them. Yet when it comes to Jesus he's in a category unto Himself, His impact and effect on human history is without precedent or pier. He's in a category unto Himself. I've got this in the notes but in literature, Dante, Chaucer, Donna, Dostoevsky, Bunyan, Milton, Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen. Tolstoy, T. S. Eliot, C. S. Lewis, Tolkien, Sayers, Were all Christians who love Jesus in the realm of the arts Michelangelo, Raphael and Leonardo DaVinci also known as the Ninja Turtles were all Christians who depicted Jesus, In music it was Bach Handel, Vivaldi, all Christians. And today there's a whole genre of music dedicated to Jesus and it fills churches, airwaves and stadiums. In pop culture Jesus appears all the time. Movies, film, Kanye West, walk with Jesus until ultimately actually he did walk with Jesus. Welcome to team Jesus Kanye. In addition, you may have seen Ricky Bobby in "Talladega Nights," pray to baby Jesus but it wasn't a very Christian film but that's what happens. So nonetheless also the most famous symbol in the history of the world, we'll get into this in a future lecture is the cross and it's worn as a cultural symbol representing for us, of course the death of Jesus. When it comes to mercy, Well, it was the first First Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, where the Christian said anywhere at

churches planted a hospital needs to be opened so that we can serve people, both body and soul. And the result is a lot of what we know is current medical development and care for those in need is tied to Christianity and ultimately to Christ the great physician who also healed people. The Red Cross was founded for example, by a Christian. In addition, many hospitals today will bear the name Baptist or Catholic or Presbyterian in honor to their heritage with Jesus. When it comes to women and women's rights in the ancient world women didn't have legal voting rights. They couldn't own property, they didn't really have the kind of Liberty that women enjoy in the modern world. The reason we have those freedoms is because Jesus honored women, in a way that was quite revolutionary in His day. He was close friends with women, He included them in His ministry partnership and leadership. He also included women in his circle of disciples that he educated and taught and trained for ministry. And it was women who were the first at Jesus' empty tomb which was very significant, because it was one of the greatest honors given anybody in the history of the world. When it comes to how we treat children children were oftentimes neglected, abandoned, abused. Jesus came and coming as a child, he dignified childhood. He also welcomed children, He was adopted by his father Joseph and ever since that time Christians have been pro-life, pro-child and pro-adoption. In addition, we now enjoy the printing press and the printing of books. The printing press was invented by the Christian Johannes Gutenberg. The first book that was widely published was the Bible. As a result, we now have literature and we have the publishing of literature. And that really fueled what we now know as the Protestant reformation and modern education, all of that traces back to Jesus as ultimately God's people wanted to get God's word out to the world. As a result as well the Bible has been translated in more languages than any book in the history of the world. And it is the best selling and most read book that has ever been published. And He has transformed the publishing industry. In history we measured time by Jesus, into B.C. and A.D. Before Christ and Anno Domini, which means the year of our Lord. We celebrate his birthday every Christmas we celebrate his resurrection every Easter. And today, the church of Jesus Christ is the biggest institution, organization movement of any sort or kind in the history of the world for a few thousand years. Nations come and go, leaders come and go but the church of Jesus Christ continues. And today is the most global, diverse, multilingual, multinational, multicultural organizational movement of any kind in the history of the world and we meet on Sundays generally because that's the day of Jesus' resurrection. Well, looking at all of this, there was a historian who said, "No, man can write a history of the human race "without giving first and foremost place "to the penniless preacher of Nazareth." That's the non-Christian H.G. Wells says looking at everything nobody's in the same category of impact or effect as Jesus. Think of it for a moment, He had so few resources, He was poor, not rich. He grew up in a small town, not a big city. He never held a political office. There's no indication that He got the same kind of formal education that we enjoy. He didn't have security detail to protect Him. He didn't have an assistant to schedule His appointments. He didn't have a PR firm to do all the damage control when lies were told about Him. In addition he never traveled more than a few hundred miles from His home. He never married, He never had children. And financially He had a hard time even paying His taxes. He didn't have a lot of resources and He had a lot of opposition, constant harassment, demonic attack, religious people seeking constantly and continually to undermine Him. In addition, He has the legal authorities that are opposed to Him and ultimately arrest Him. The question is, how does one person in just 30, some ish short years, roughly 33 years, only three of which are public ministry. Prior to that, he's a carpenter. How in a few years with so few resources and so much opposition, do you have such a global impact? And that's exactly what we're seeking to answer in our study together here.

Now, if you go to the ancient church creeds which we believe in and we love and we appreciate, they're not very helpful to answer this question. Here are two of the old ancient church creeds and these are important. These are what Christian theologians summarized after studying the Bible. But the Apostles Creed written in the fourth century says this, that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. What's it missing? His whole life. I mean that would be a saddle obituary for you. They're like, "They were born when they died." Did they do anything in the middle? All we talk about is His birth and His death, misses his life, how did he live his life? You go to Nicene Creed also in the fourth century says that he was incarnate we dealt with that in a previous lecture, by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, he was born and he died, what it skips is His life. Now here's why this is important because you and I need not just have Jesus for our death. We need to understand Jesus for our life. And oftentimes what people think is Christianity and Jesus are for your death, not for your life as a result most people don't think about Jesus until they're old and dying. And as a result, young people tend not to not to have as much enthusiasm for Jesus, because they feel like, "Well you only really need Him when you die, "and until you die, there's no sense of urgency." That's not the case. The Bible has more to say than the creeds do about how Jesus lived His life and as a result left his Legacy. So we'll jump into the book of Acts and let me just say, there is a secret or a bit of a clue in the name Jesus Christ. Jesus means Joshua. It's a derivative of Joshua, Christ means anointed by the Holy Spirit. So even in his name, Jesus Christ, it gives us a clue what the secret was, what the power was, what the X factor was and the life He lived in the legacy He left, it's the power of the Holy Spirit. And when it comes to talking about the Holy Spirit, some of you come from charismatic churches, some of you come from Pentecostal Churches, okay, how do you know? Well, if in worship if they did this, it was charismatic. If they did this, it was Pentecostal. They did this with praise flags running around it was really Pentecostal sort of degrees here. And so if you grew up in a charismatic or Pentecostal church, they would talk a lot more about the Holy Spirit than they do in most other Christian churches. Those tend to be the Christian traditions that emphasize God, the Holy Spirit. And for those of you who grew up in Pentecostal or charismatic churches, when they teach you about the Holy Spirit, what book of the Bible did they tend to start in? The book of Acts. And it's called the Acts of the Apostles but it really should be the acts of the Holy Spirit because the hero and driving force through the apostles in the early church is God the Holy Spirit. But Acts tells us that the story of the Holy Spirit's ministry doesn't begin with the church but begins with Christ. I'll read it to you here and I'll explain it to you in a moment Acts chapter one in the first book, what does that tell you? You need to read the first book first then the second book, second it's like a prequel and a sequel. It's like part one part two. What's part one, if this is acts what's part one? For those of you now, it's the gospel of Luke. Luke is a medical doctor, he is traveling companions and close personal friends with the apostle. Paul says that in the book of Colossians and elsewhere and Luke is the historian of the New Testament. He writes in chronological order, there's four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Luke is the only one that's in chronological order. So he undertakes a big historical study. He is like the Indiana Jones of the early church. He goes out with financial funding from this man that he name Theophilus who was probably a benefactor and a donor. So he had a vision to record history. Theophilus provided the provision to fund the vision. And as a result, he's out interviewing eye witnesses and Jesus' remaining family members. And he is trying to put together an eye witness account of the life of Christ and then the Christian Church. There was a noted, well established historian. I believe his name was Ramsey. He started by seeking to disprove Luke showing that he wasn't a

good historian. And then he came to the conclusion that I quote, that "Luke was a historian of the first rank." So even historians looking at Luke say he did his homework a highly educated man who is recording actual historical events that did transpire in history. So here's his recording of the early church in the first book. So he's talking about the book of Luke and we're gonna spend a lot of time in there tonight. Oh, Theophilus who's mentioned up front and both because he's the financial fundraiser. He's the one who's underwriting all of this. "I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach "until the day He was taken up. "After He had given commands through the Holy Spirit." He said, "In my first book "I told you all the things that Jesus said and did "by the power of the whole, the Spirit," that's the clue. To the apostles whom he had chosen He presented Himself alive to them. This is His resurrection after His suffering by many proofs appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the Kingdom of God we'll get into that a little later, when we get into the resurrection. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem. He rose from death, they're like, "We gotta go tell everybody." Says, "Not yet, but to wait for the promise of the father "which he said, you heard from me "for John baptized with water "but you will be baptized with who?" The Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit, not many days from now. "So when they come together, they asked Him, "'Lord, will you at this time "'restore the Kingdom of Israel.'" He said, 'It is not for you to know the times "'nor the seasons that the Father has fixed "'by His own authority, "'but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit "'has come upon you and you will be my witnesses.'" This is ministry and mission and Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria ends of the earth Scottsdale. Okay, so it's officially happened. Exactly like Jesus said that it would where the end of the earth to them. And what Luke is saying is this he's saying, "I wrote two books, "the first book was about the Spirit-filled life of Christ. "The second book is about "the Spirit-filled lives of Christians." In the first book, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism to anoint Him in power. In the book of Acts the Holy Spirit descends upon the church to baptize them in the Spirit so that they will have the power of Jesus to continue the ministry and the message of Jesus. This is super important because if all you do is start in Acts and you don't start in Luke, you realize that you're confused because you don't connect the ministry of the Holy Spirit with the person of Jesus. Sometimes people will say, or they'll ask this question, "Are you filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately oftentimes what they mean is "Do you speak in tongues." We believe in that gift, we believe it continues. I don't wanna get down that rabbit trail. Maybe we can in the Q&A, but the point is this to be Spirit-filled is to be like Jesus Christ. That's ultimately the main purpose of the indwelling presence and power of the person of the Spirit. Some will speak in tongues, some will not but all who have the Spirit can continue the character of Jesus Christ, that's the big idea. So it's not about what gift do you have it's about what character you have and by what power you live your life. So what I wanna do, I wanna back up and I wanna spend some time in the gospel of Luke. And I wanna look at some things that he has to say and these are connections between the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the life of Jesus. So that the secret to His success, power, life and legacy is the presence of God the Holy Spirit working in Him and through Him. I didn't know all of this until I started teaching in the gospel of Luke. And so I tend to preach through books of the Bible. I preach through the whole gospel of Luke. It took me about two years. All the sermons are free online, but as I was preaching through the gospel of Luke, I kept seeing the Holy Spirit show up in the life of Jesus. And I realized that this was intentional and that it was then to continue in the lives of Christians as recorded in Acts. So what I wanna share with you is some things that Luke says as the historian about Jesus. First Jesus extended family was Spirit-filled, Spirit-filled. So in Luke 1:15, it says about his cousin John, we looked at it in the prophecies that John the baptizer

was the one who was promised to come and prepare the way for Jesus. It says that, "He will be great before the Lord. "He must not drink wine or strong drink, "and he'll be filled with who "not what, but who." The Holy Spirit from when? His mother's womb. That's one of the strongest arguments I can think of for personhood in the world. Not only is this a child, this is a child with a name John, known by God and saved by God and filled with the Holy Spirit, from his momma's tummy, that's amazing. It shows that the Holy Spirit can even indwell and save a person who has not yet left the womb and entered the world as we know it. It's the strongest argument for personhood, but it says that his cousin would do all of his ministry by what power? The power of the Holy Spirit. And he will go before him in the Spirit and power of Elijah. The Spirit and power of Elijah is the Holy Spirit the Old Testament, Prophet Elijah ministered, preached and proclaimed by the power of the Holy Spirit. John will continue in that same ministry and legacy by that same power. How about this one? Jesus had a mom named Mary, she had a relative named Elizabeth. The one was young and a Virgin the older was barren and they both got pregnant in the same window. Jesus and his cousin John are about six months apart in age. And Jesus' extended family is all doing ministry. His cousin John became a prophet, a preacher his aunt Elizabeth and uncle Zachariah they were ministers, they were priests, it's like they ran a small rural church and they were a ministry family. Well, it says that Elizabeth when she's pregnant and what happens is Mary and Elizabeth in this scene, they come together. John the baptizer is in Elizabeth's womb. Jesus is in Mary's womb and they come together and they're both filled with the Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is present. As these two women come together to celebrate their pregnancy. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and then she prophesied over Mary. And then we see in Luke 1:67, Zachariah that's John the baptizer dad and that's Jesus uncle was filled with the Holy Spirit. And then he prophesied, he prophesied over his son John the baptizer in context at his birth. Now what's interesting here is if you look at Jesus' family what was the secret to their success? The Holy Spirit There are so many books on parenting. There are so many books on marriage. There's so many books on family. But the key is to have the Holy Spirit at work in your marriage and in your children and in your family, that's the key. That's the key, some people are like, what's the secret? There is no secret, His name is the Holy Spirit. If he's in the husband, if he's in the wife, if he's in the kids and he's in the family, things are gonna go okay. If he's not, it's not gonna go okay? You don't - Need to know everything, but you need to know the Holy Spirit and He's the one who knows everything. For those of you who are parents and you're thinking, "You know, what's the most "important thing to have a good family." The answer is, the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in the family and at work in the life of every member of the family. That's why, when your kids are little, the goal is not to make them moral, but to make them Spiritual because the Holy Spirit will make them moral. The goal is not to make them obedient but to have them be filled with the Holy Spirit. And then he will give them self-control and obedience. All the things that we want for our family are good aspirations but we lack the power to attain them. The Holy Spirit is the source of power and life. And He's the one that makes good life, He's the one that makes good marriage, He's the one that makes good family. He's the one that makes good children. And so Jesus extended family all filled with the Holy Spirit. How about His immediate family? Let me just ask this too, you don't have to raise your hand but how many of you right now you got a lot of family problems and drama. And if the Holy Spirit showed up, that would be the only hope, that's the hope. So we pray for the presence and the power of the person of the Holy Spirit and the lives of the people that we know and love. And we seek to bring the presence of the Holy Spirit with us into those relationships, because the point is, you can not have a great marriage, you cannot have a great

family, you cannot have healthy children, you cannot leave a great legacy without the Holy Spirit. That's the big idea. Says this as well about Jesus immediate family was Spirit filled. Luke 2:26,27 "It had been revealed to him Simeon." So he's like a pastor working at the temple. So they go to a ministry leader Mary and Joseph do when they realized that they're gonna have the Messiah and he's filled with the Holy Spirit. What does this say? Your family not only needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You need to be under Spirit filled leadership people leading you in the presence of God in the purposes of God and the praises of God. They need to be filled with the Spirit too. So the key to the key to leadership is to be a good follower of the Holy Spirit and to be led by Him, that's the key leadership. It had been revealed to him Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see the death see death before he saw the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple. He entered it the ministry filled with the Holy Spirit. That's the leader who is dedicating and praying over and serving this family. Joseph, Mary, Jesus mother and father. What about Jesus mom and dad, Luke chapter one jump back verses 31 through 35. The angel Gabriel shows up, angel means messenger. So they're like, God's UPS drivers. I don't know if they show up in brown trucks with jumpsuits on, but Gabriel says, "Behold you will conceive in your room and bear a son. "You shall call His name Jesus. "He will be great and will be called "the son of the most high "and the Lord God will give to Him "the throne of his father, David. "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever "and of His kingdom there will be no end." That's, how many of you ladies? That's a big day, she's probably a teenager about junior high age most likely, she lives in a small rural town, she's a Virgin she's betrothed to be engaged, to be married which is a stronger, legal commitment than our engagement. But it's not as intense or binding as marriage. She probably knew her fiance since they were kids. Had been to their hometown, it's little. There was only one well, that could only sustain a population of dozens or maybe a hundred people. To this day, it's still flowing, it's called Mary's well. It's where Mary and Jesus would go literally get water in the morning. And Jesus is a boy would probably carry the bucket for his mom. I've been there, it still exists. She probably lived in a home that was about the size of a parking stall for a vehicle. They were poor peasant family. She's never traveled far away from home, she is possibly illiterate. She's a poor peasant girl engaged to be married. An angel shows up and says, "God's decided he's gonna come through your womb." How many of you gals in junior high were not ready for that level of responsibility? Or we don't even give a junior high kid a license let alone God. So this is a big responsibility, but she's an extraordinarily godly and mature woman. And Mary said to the angel, totally reasonable question, Amen. How's this gonna happen? Right, she's like, "I know a lot of virgins, "I don't know any Virgin mothers. "You know, I don't know how this works." How will this be since I'm a Virgin, that's the fulfillment of the prophecy that we looked at in Isaiah 7:14. That the Virgin would be with child, the angel said to her, "How's this gonna happen?" The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and His family was led by the power of the Holy Spirit. What about Jesus siblings? Jude chapter one is a, it's a book of the New Testament. And it tells us of its authorship, is Jude a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James. James and Jude are Jesus brothers they're half brothers, half brothers. James and Jude, along with the rest of Jesus' family. When he was preaching and teaching, they thought he was crazy. You would too, right? If you're, like if your brother came home and said, "I'm starting a religion about me. "So you guys need to learn some songs and sing about me. "We need to get this going, right." You'd be the last ones to sign up, Amen. So at first Jesus' family was a little reluctant, they were a little reticent. There's one occasion in the gospels where they come to take

Him home. They figure, "He's lost it, He's not well, "we just need to get them out of the public view." After He dies and rises, something extraordinary happens. And that's that His family starts to worship Him as God. I don't know about you, I don't even think a resurrection would get my brothers to worship me. 'Cause they already know I'm a sinner. But what happens is early on, we see in the opening chapters of the book of Acts the history book of the New Testament, Jesus mother Mary is numbered among the early 121st followers and Christians. And then we see later his two brothers half-brothers James and Jude. They become Bible teaching, Jesus serving pastors and they each write a book of the Bible bearing their name James and June. Well, we know to write a book of the Bible you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We know that all Scripture is God-breathed. The only way these men wrote books of the Bible is if the Holy Spirit was at work in and through them. And what we also learned is that Jesus half-brother James was executed. I'll read this to you from church history outside of the Scripture. "James the half-brother of Jesus was executed. "He was thrown off the temple "still alive and then stoned to death." They treated Jesus' brothers like they did the apostles, the disciples you denied Jesus and you will live, if you preach Jesus, you will die. Now the question here is burden of proof. If Jesus isn't God and didn't rise from death why in the world would anyone die for Him? Usually we will endure things if they benefit us not if they do not benefit us. There was no benefit for them as devoted Jews who knew the first two of the 10 commandments there's only one God and you worship him alone. The family would have known and they were a ministry family a God-fearing Bible-believing worshiping family. They would have known if we worshiped Jesus and he's not God, we go to hell forever But they worshiped him as God. And even when they suffered publicly and were martyred brutally they did not deny Him. Goes on to say in church history, James echoing Jesus, as he was dying, he says, "Father forgive them for, they know not what they do." Now this is a bit debated, but one archeological expert and some church historians agree. So there's James and Jude, Jesus two Spirit-filled brothers who are pastors and preachers and authors of Scripture. It says when James is murdered it is Simon who takes over leadership in the movement. What that means is simply this, Jesus lives, dies, rises ascends into heaven. Just think of it for a moment. Okay so it begins with Zachariah and Elizabeth. This priestly rural couple, they give birth they're filled with the Holy Spirit we looked at that. They give birth to John the baptizer who's filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb is Jesus' cousin who's about six months older. He starts preaching and teaching with power, massive revival, John's whole ministry only lasted about six months and he had massive crowds. And then he hands over his ministry to Jesus. So it goes from Elizabeth and Zachariah and their Spirit filled family and ministry to their prophet son, who's the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the one to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. He gathers large crowds and then hands the ministry to Jesus. Jesus then later says that of those born of women the greatest man who has ever lived in the history of the world is John the Baptizer, his Spirit filled cousin, that's a big compliment. Jesus lives, dies, rises for 40 days is publicly available to show that he had defeated death. He then ascends into heaven, the Holy Spirit comes down. Jesus goes up the Holy Spirit comes down. His mother is worshiping Him, His brothers become pastors. They write books of the Bible, they die for their brother. And when one dies, the next to step up in leadership is the other brother, Simon or Simeon depending upon which historian you prefer. What that means is that Jesus' whole family Spirit-filled, aunt, uncle, cousin, immediate family, brothers three pastor Spirit filled brothers. I mean, this is a legacy family is what we'd call it today. I mean, look at what this family did and they're all poor and they're rural and they don't have positions of power. They don't have resources, but what does this family have? They have the Holy Spirit. Couple of

things about this, number one, the gravitational center of Jesus immediate and extended family was God. We make tremendous errors in the architecting of our families. When the mom or the dad or the kids or the grandparents are the center and everyone and everything orbits around them. Parents this is a great example for us. What oftentimes happens we have kids. We make the kids, the gravitational center of the universe. And then when they leave, the family flies out of orbit and the marriage disintegrates. Jesus' family had is its gravitational center, immediate and extended family God, number two, they each were filled with the Holy Spirit And number three, they all served in ministry. I don't know why there hasn't been a marriage and parenting book written on Jesus' family. I don't know why when we talk about marriage and family we don't immediately go to this family 'cause this is the greatest family in the history of the world. This is the most impactful family in the history of the world. And if we wanna look at great families I'll just tell you this Jesus family, A plus plus, Amen. I mean, imagine if you were like, I raised God and then my other boys wrote two books of the Bible and then a third step forward to make sure Christianity continues to be like. You did a good job, you got a gold star on your chart, good job. This is an amazing family. And the point is that God needs to be the center every member of the family needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit and serving together in Ministry. Okay, I didn't mean to get down to this rabbit trail but maybe it's maybe it's something for you. We tend to think that the best way to have a good family is to pay people to serve our kids. Teachers, coaches, tutors, those things are not bad. But the key that really makes a great kid is they're filled the Holy Spirit and they learned to serve. That's the secret to Jesus' family. They're all filled with the Holy Spirit and they teach their kids to serve the Lord. It's not a bad thing to have people serve your kids. But ultimately the goal has gotta be that your kids learn to serve, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to serve God. That's Jesus' entire immediate and extended Spirit filled family. And what about Jesus? Did Jesus have this conscious self-conscious awareness that he was fulfilling Old Testament prophecy? I believe yes. Isaiah talks a lot about Jesus from chapter 40 to chapter 66. The focus is the coming of Jesus, this is written 700 years before he was born of the Virgin Mary. And it is some would call Isaiah the fifth gospel, 'cause it talks so much about Jesus. But one theme in Isaiah is that you would know that Jesus was the Messiah when you saw that he was living by the power of the Holy Spirit. We could use the language that he was Spirit-filled, or he was a Spirit-empowered or he was Spirit led. Isaiah 11:2, "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him." The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, which Spirits is that? It's the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 42:1, "My servant, whom I uphold "my chosen one in whom I sold the lights. "I've put my Spirit on Him." It's very clear, the secret Jesus success. Isn't really a secret, it's the Holy Spirit. That's why for us as Christians, we know that everyone could admire the life of Jesus but only the Christian has access to the power of Jesus. Isaiah 48:16, "The Lord, God has sent me and His Spirit." The whole Trinity is there. The father sends the Son anointed with the Spirit. Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me "because the Lord has anointed me." When the Bible says that, "The hand of the Lord "is on Jesus or someone "or that God has anointed them." It's talking about the presence and power of the person of the Holy Spirit. Now think of what we just read in Isaiah back to Luke's gospel. Jesus begins His public ministry in Luke chapter four. He's gonna open the Bible, what do you think He's gonna read? Isaiah, He's gonna talk about, He has come as the fulfillment of the promises and prophecies of Isaiah, filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 4:16-21, "And he came to Nazareth "where he'd been brought up "small rural town, "as was His custom He went to the synagogue." That was kinda their version of the local church on the Sabbath day, that was Saturday. We changed the Sabbath to Sunday

when Jesus rose on a Sunday because he made all things new and he stood up to read. So Jesus is here acting in a leadership capacity. Pretty great, if you go to a small little rural church, I'm like, "We've got a guest preacher today. "His name is Jesus, you know it's gonna be a good day." And he stood up to read and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. All of this is in the Providence of God, God's in the details. He unrolled the scroll and then you can almost see Jesus up front, he's like, "That's not it, that's not it. "there it is, that's the text I was looking for." Found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." What is that? It's what we just read in Isaiah, "Because he has anointed me to proclaim good news "to the poor. "He's the preacher. "He is sent me to proclaim Liberty to the captives. "Those that are held by Satan and sin "and recovering of sight to the blind." That's supernatural ministry, "To set at Liberty those who are oppressed "by the demonic forces of this world "at the proclaim, the year of the Lord's favor "that the grace of God has come down "in the son of God." And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all the synagogue were fixed. Now everybody's looking at Him, this is one of those dramatic moments. And here's what He says, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Can you match that? We call that mic drop, that's it. Jesus knew who He was and He knew what His mission was. And He knew by what power He was going to fulfill His mission. It's very clear, now the reason I'm going out a little bit of a rabbit trail. The reason that sometimes we don't see this is because we will prefer something that is called systematic theology over biblical theology. Systematic theology is not bad, we all have it, we all need it. It's going through the Bible and finding themes and pulling them together into categories. So all the verses about being a wife you can put those together and have a systematic theology about being a wife. You can pull out all the verses on being a husband and pull those together and have a systematic theology about being a husband. You can have all the verses about baptism and have a theology of baptism, none of that is bad we all do that and we should. Biblical theology doesn't start with the categories, it starts with the Scriptures. And it's looking at the Bible by going through books of the Bible to see if there are themes and threads that the Holy Spirit intentionally and originally wove in that we could otherwise miss, if all we're doing is grabbing versus and not paying careful, close attention to content, okay. Some will put their systematic theology over their biblical theology. Others will replace their biblical theology over their systematic theology. Just want you to know, I greatly value my biblical theology over my systematic theology. Because I find that no matter what the illogical team tradition or tribe you are on there are some, this verses in the Bible. There are some books and authors and concepts in the Bible that don't neatly fit into your category. So what do you do with them? Oh you can explain them away? You can ignore them or you can hope that people don't find them. All right, and one of my favorite preachers was an old bread his name was Charles Haddon Spurgeon and they asked him, they said, "What do you do when you have two verses "that don't reconcile with one another." He said, "I believe every word in the word of God. "And there's no need to reconcile friends." The reason that some people don't see the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Jesus is because their systematic theology is sort of a lens that goes over their reading of the Bible. And as a result, they can miss some things that are there because the lens that they're looking through blinds them to certain truths. There is historically a teaching called Cessationism. And it means that the Holy Spirit worked in one way in the early church, and He doesn't work that way anymore. That His work has in certain occasions with certain supernatural gifts ceased. I don't believe that, I believe that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. And we'll get into all of the reasons but I believe if you hold a cessationist view that the Holy Spirit doesn't work the way that He used to it really hinders your ability to see Jesus living by the

power of the Holy Spirit. Because most of your teaching about the Holy Spirit is explaining a way what He was doing, not getting greater insight on what He was doing through the life of Jesus. And it's just sad to me because what happens then is when it comes to the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. In a lot of churches it's like the father is the mean one, Jesus is the nice one and the Spirit is the weird one. And that's what they tell us. Now they wouldn't say it that way, but I will afford them. And it is not that the father is the mean one and Jesus is the nice one and the Spirit is the weird one. There is one God, three persons. And that Jesus shows us the character of God the Father by living through the power of the Holy Spirit. And if you don't connect the power of the Holy Spirit with the life of Jesus, what we looked at in the previous two lectures, He's fully God fully man. When He's living his life on the earth, if He's living out of this humanity and He's living by the power of the Holy Spirit, how is that a tremendous encouragement to you and I? We can live by the power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we can become more and more like Jesus. If He lived by the Spirit and he gives us the Spirit. Now we get to live by His power and we get to grow in His character. If He lived His whole life out of his divinity as God and basically cheated, well then we don't have access to His power and we don't share in His attributes, therefore the life of Jesus is a great example but nothing that we can experience. And I'm telling you that the life of Jesus is not just to be admired, it's also to be experienced. That the Holy Spirit who worked through Jesus perfectly works through us imperfectly but still works through us. Still works through us and that's what Jesus is saying here. Let me show you seven ways that Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Well, we looked at it already, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:35, The angel said, "The Holy Spirit "will come upon you." Number two, he lived under the Holy Spirit's anointing. This is His baptism, just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon the church to baptize it with power. This is the flow of Luke and acts the prequel and sequel. The Spirit comes down so that Jesus can live a Spirit filled life. The Spirit comes down so that Christians can follow in the Spirit filled life of Jesus. Matthew 3:16, "When Jesus was baptized "immediately He went up from the water "and behold, the heavens were open to Him "and He saw the Spirit of God, "descending on a dove and coming to on Him." I like that language there in Matthew, not all the gospels include that little detail, but resting it's a biding. See Jesus and the Holy Spirit were already in perfect relationship but God made this very public for everyone to see. The Holy Spirit is on Jesus and stay there, what that means is everything he says and does from that moment forward everyone is to know it's by the power of the Holy Spirit. There's nothing that Jesus did apart from the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, Luke 4:1, I'm not making this up. What does it say? Jesus full of Holy Spirit, as soon as you ask someone, "Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?" The first question that usually comes right after is have you spoken in tongues, true or false? True, question I asked this of my Pentecostal publisher. It was fun question, Question, did Jesus ever speak in tongues? We have no idea, was Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit? Absolutely. Therefore the big issue is not whether or not you speak in tongues. The big issue is whether or not you're filled with the Holy Spirit and you're like Jesus. We don't know if Jesus did or didn't and I'm glad we don't know, because you can't claim him on whatever team you're on. He's still a free agent. What we do know is we don't know if he spoke in tongues but we know for a fact that he was filled with the Holy Spirit. So the Holy Spirit is a lot about conforming us to the character of Christ, and also allowing us to experience the power of Christ. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit. How many of you, you've had big decisions to make? You're not sure, do we go here, do we go there? Do we do this, did we do that, do I marry them, do I not? What do we do? You need to be led, You need to be led. Says

that he was led by the Holy Spirit. He also did supernatural ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit, Luke 4:14,15, "Jesus returned in the power." We'll deal with this again in a moment of the Spirit. If you want power, you need the Holy Spirit, okay? That's where some people read the Bible and they everything that God tells them to do. But without the Holy Spirit they don't have the power to do it. You're a car with no gas, you're a phone with no charge, right? Without the Holy Spirit, you don't have the power to be and do the things that God commands of you. Jesus returned to the power of the Spirit to Galilee. Our report went out about him through all the surrounding country. He got very famous, very quick and he taught in their synagogues being glorified by all. Jesus does powerful ministry, supernatural ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit. We still believe in healing and we believe in divine revelation and we believe in angels and demons and all the supernatural stuff. And Jesus did supernatural ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit just so you know He doesn't make you weird, He makes you like Jesus. When I say Spirit filled people, like I'm not sure about that, do you wanna be like Jesus? Yes. If you wanna be like Jesus you have to be filled with the Holy Spirit led by the Holy Spirit, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Like there is no way to be like Jesus without the Holy Spirit. Jesus emotions were regulated by the Holy Spirit. How many of you you've got a little emotional unhealth. You're angry, you're sad, you're scared. You're anxious, you're frightened. How do you regulate your emotions? The Holy Spirit. Says that Luke 10:21, "He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit "that He was exceedingly glad "that He was celebrating. "He was emotionally guided and guarded "by the person, the presence of the power "of the Holy Spirit." This is where the Holy Spirit even allows us to have dominion over our emotions. Just in the last lecture, we dealt a lot with emotions. Let me just pick up one thing that I think I forgot. How many of you have raised a kid and you realize they have no regulator on their emotions. You raised one of those kids, no regulator. Some adults are like that and some people will just say, "That's how I am, "or that's how I feel." As if our feelings were sovereign and God wasn't sovereign over our feelings That it is possible to have the Holy Spirit govern your emotional life. I'll prove it to you, it says at the end of Galatians, the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. You know what that is? Self control over your emotional life. So if you're like, "I don't feel loving." The Holy Spirit can change that. I don't feel like having self control. The Holy Spirit can control your emotions. The only way this is a strong statement, but it's true. So many books written on emotions and emotional health. Let me just tell you this. There is no such thing as emotional health apart from the Holy Spirit. You can't be emotional. That's where people who don't believe in the Holy Spirit they don't honor the Holy Spirit. They don't pursue the Holy, they're not emotionally healthy. They may be intellectually strong but they're emotionally immature. The only way to have a healthy emotional life is by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus rejoiced, Holy Spirit He also cast out demons by the Holy Spirit. He demonstrated Spiritual authority in ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit. He says it this way in Luke 11:20, "If it is by the finger of God." And that language of finger of God is usually referring to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Just comes down and is actively involved. "If it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons "then the kingdom of God has come upon you." In addition, the Holy Spirit empowered Jesus through seasons of tremendous suffering. That Jesus' life in Isaiah is referred to as a man of sorrows who is acquainted with grief. So the question is, as the Holy Spirit empowers us how does the Holy Spirit empower us through seasons of suffering and struggle, through seasons of pain and problems? And we've all been there in Amen. It says this in Hebrews 2:10, "It was fitting that he Jesus, "for whom and by whom all things exist. So Jesus is not created, he's creator. In bringing many sons to glory, that salvation and a

status as there should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. And some of you read that first question is thought Jesus was perfect. The perfect there is that not that he was imperfect, but He added his knowledge of perfection, He added to it His experience. How many of you have studied something and then when you did it, you learned a lot more? How many of you read the driver's manual and you're like, "I got this," and you got behind the wheel, you're like, "I do not got this." Like I gotta figure this out. How many of you read the premarital book and then went on your honeymoon and realized that you didn't know what you were doing even though you read the book. There are things that we know intellectually that we can only fully learn experientially. What it says is, "Jesus knew suffering and hardship, "but once he came down to be with us like us "and go through what we go through, "he learned experientially "what he already knew perfectly." How do you and I go through hardships, suffering and difficulty For the Christian and the non-Christian we go through the same hardships, troubles and trials. The only difference is that the Christian has the Holy Spirit as the absolute guarantee that they can handle the circumstances in a way that is altogether different than those who do not have the Holy Spirit. Okay and hear in this, every Christian has the Holy Spirit. Here's what it says in 1 Peter 4:12-14. "Beloved, so God does love you." And sometimes it doesn't feel that way when life hurts you, when life hurts you it's hard to feel that God loves you but you need to remind yourself of that truth. "Do not be surprised at the fiery trial." There are seasons in life where it literally feels like somebody pulled the lid off of hell and it's coming up. You ever been there? It just feels like hell has come up into my life, it's a fiery trial. "When it comes upon you to test you "as though something strange were happening to you." what he's saying is you're not in heaven yet, so don't be surprised in some days where hell shows up. "But rejoice." So the Holy Spirit can control your emotional life. That's why the Bible says to forgive your enemies. How many of you are like, "I don't wanna do that." The Holy Spirit can give you a supernatural ability to even have love and forgiveness for someone that has harmed or hurt you. "But rejoice in so far, "as you share in Christ's sufferings "that you may also rejoice and be glad "when His glory is revealed. "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, "you are blessed because the Spirit of glory "and of God rests upon you." What he says is this, Jesus Christ went through tremendous suffering and struggle and pain and problems and barrels. How in the world did he make it through by the power of the Holy Spirit? When you go through similar circumstances, how in the world are you gonna make it through? By the power of the Holy Spirit? And what he's saying is that the greater the burden is on you. Then the greater, the blessing of the Holy Spirit is also on you. When he uses this language of glory, glory literally means weightiness or heaviness. So I'll give you an example, When I was growing up, I was the oldest of five kids and my brothers were little my sisters were little. I'll never forget there was a day. One of my younger siblings was like, "Hey Mark, get on the teeter-totter with me." And I'm way bigger than them. So guess what happens? We're not teetering and tottering. I am sitting and they are flying, that's what we're doing. There's no balance. Eventually what happens is a few of my siblings come along and they climb onto the other end of the teeter-totter. And guess what it does, it shifts. What it's saying is this, that there are things in life that are very heavy. They're very heavy and what they're gonna do is they're gonna literally drag you down. You're gonna feel burdened, exhausted, weary, overcome, overwhelmed, frustrated. Many of you feel that way, I can see it on your face, I love you. Thanks for letting me teach I hope it helps. And what he's saying is for the Christian, we're not denying that this is heavy, but that the Holy Spirit comes in glory and He outweighs the burden or the struggle. It doesn't mean that the struggle goes away that the pain goes away, that the hardship goes away, that the circumstances go away. But that the presence of the Holy Spirit

in glory is so much heavier that he outweighs the hardship and he lifts you up, he lifts you up. So that you can rejoice, not in your circumstances but in the presence of the Holy Spirit who comes to outweigh your circumstances. And what he's saying is, "The heavier the burden, the deeper the problem, "the bigger the struggle, "the more of the Spirit that you receive." This is why people who have been through the most difficult and devastating circumstances will in hindsight if they walked through it by the power of the Spirit, say things like. "I'd never wanted it, I hated it, "but I wouldn't change it for anything "because God met me there in a supernatural way "that I've never met Him before." That's the glory of the Spirit, outweighing the burden of the struggle. That's how Jesus lived and that's how we live. And so for Christians, it's not that we avoid things. It's that our God comes as the Holy Spirit to outweigh things, does that make sense? So you gotta be looking for the Holy Spirit in the middle of the pain and the toil, the struggle in the trial. In addition, Jesus defeated demonic power by the power of the Holy Spirit. Back to Luke, Luke three at the baptism John answered says, "I baptize you with water. "Jesus is coming, I'm not even worthy as the lowest slave "to take off his dirty sandals. "He's gonna baptize you with what?" The Holy Spirit and fire. I mean we still use that as an emoji. And it means that something's awesome. All right, fire. When Jesus also had been baptized was praying the heavens opened the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form, like a dove God the Father speaks from heaven, "You are my beloved son "in whom I am well-pleased," here's the alternative. The father said, "This is my son in whom I'm well pleased." The sun comes up out of the water and the Holy Spirit descends publicly to show everybody Jesus is living by the power and the presence of the person of the Holy Spirit. This is Jesus' public unveiling in the beginning of His ministry. Again, Luke writes chronological order, very next thing that happens chapter four, Jesus full of what? The Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit returned to the Jordan and was led by the Holy Spirit, into the wilderness. How many of you have been led by the Holy Spirit, into a wilderness? See, we live in Arizona what's in the wilderness, nothing it's barren. Some of you you're like, "I thought I was obeying God "and where I ended up, it's a barren place." You may not be out of the will of God. You may be in the will of God. Jesus was filled by the Spirit, led by the Spirit into a wilderness for 40 days, being tempted by the devil demonic attack, satanic attack. He ate nothing during those days when they were ended here's this full humanity. Back to our previous lecture, he was hungry. Satan shows up, you can read the rest of Luke four for yourself. Attacks Jesus, misquotes Scripture shows him the kingdoms of the world gives him every temptation in an instant that we all face. Jesus is undergoing Spiritual warfare and battle, but he emerges victorious because he is living by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is an illustration of what the Scripture says, greater is He who is in you than he was in this world. If the Spirit of God is in you then that is more powerful than any Spirit that would come against you, okay? And see this with Jesus, this is when Satan will hit you. He's hungry, isolated and tired. I always like to say that's when you get hit. You get hit when you're hungry, malnourished, dehydrated, tired, isolated. Nobody's watching you're by yourself and tired. You're just worn down and your resistance is minimal. Jesus engages in Spiritual warfare against Satan himself for 40 days by the power of the Holy Spirit. And then it says at the end, Luke four, "Jesus returned." So once He wins the battle and He proceeds forward Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and a report went out throughout all the surrounding country and He taught in their synagogues being glorified by all. He begins, filled with the Spirit led by the Spirit he ends filled with the Spirit led by the Spirit in the middle He has Spiritual warfare fighting Satan himself and emerges victorious by the power of the Holy Spirit. What does that tell us? That when satanic demonic, temptation and attack come you in your own flesh do not have authority

over Satan and demons, you do not have power to defeat them. You will need the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in victory over demonic attack, especially temptation. Satan tempts Jesus, it's one of his favorite tricks and tactics. We've all got bait on our hook that is tempting to us. Something is our forbidden fruit, something that for us is more intriguing and enticing. And when we're sensing that temptation, the Holy Spirit alone gives us the power to say no to Satan and sin and to say yes to God and holiness. That's why the Bible says, that no temptation is easier except that which is common to man. And when tempted God has provided a way of escape His name is the Holy Spirit. And so you can't look at your emotions and say, "That's just how I feel." And when you're attempted and say, "That's what I like." The Holy Spirit says, "I'm bigger than your emotions "and I'm bigger than your temptations. "I'm bigger than your emotions "and I'm bigger than your temptations." So what it means to live a Spirit-filled life has a lot more to do with character than most people would think. And I'll close with this last one, and think about any questions you might have. But I want this to be a tremendous encouragement to you. Christ can live through you by the Holy Spirit's power. How encouraging is that? I mean, if I told you, "Here's how Michael Jordan played "and you could drink this energy drink "and play just like Michael Jordan." I tell you what, we'd all do. We'd go get that energy drink. If I looked and said, "Hey, if you just read this book "you'll have the leadership qualities of Abraham Lincoln "or George Washington or Winston Churchill. "You'll have the communicative abilities "of Martin Luther King Junior." Tell me how I can get that. The life of Jesus is bigger by infinity than anyone who has ever lived in the history of the world. And again, non-Christians can look and admire it but a Christian can experience it because it is Christ for us, it is Christ in us and it is Christ through us, that's the Christian life. Here's how he says it in Ephesians. And let me just say this too. He says something here and he says something similar. The apostle Paul does in Galatians. There he says, "You either live by the power of the flesh "or by the power of the Spirit" That every human being, really when you boil it down there's only two places to plug your soul in and from which to live. The flesh or the Spirit, that's it, all the decisions that you and I make flesh or Spirit. Whether it's sexual temptation, food, alcohol, drugs, pride, anger, whatever bait Satan puts on your hook. You're either gonna make those decisions out of the flesh, which are gonna harm you, or out of the Spirit, which is gonna deliver you, that's it. This is why it breaks my heart when Bible teachers will tell everyone what to do, but not tell them how to do it. It's defeating, it's discouraging, it becomes legalistic, it becomes law keeping, it becomes nitpicking. It becomes burdensome and not joyful. Living by the power of the Holy Spirit is not something that you have to do, it's something that you get to do, okay? It's not a burden that God gives to you, it's a power that God gives you to overcome your burdens. And he says it this way, Ephesians 5:15-21 "Look carefully how you walk." And this is your lifelong relationship and journey with Jesus. "Not as unwise but wise making the best use of time "because the days are evil "therefore do not be foolish." People who live out of the flesh they waste time and they make foolish decisions. They wonder into harm's way but understand the will of the Lord is. Well the only way to understand what the will of the Lord is, is to be led by the Holy Spirit and your walk. If Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit in His walk, you and I need to be led by the Holy Spirit in our walk. Do not get drunk, we get drunk to avoid our problems. Instead of getting drunk to avoid our problems we can be filled with the Holy Spirit to overcome our problems, okay? What happens is, as soon as you start medicating, you stop maturing. If someone starts self-medicating with drugs or alcohol or something that sorta kind at whatever age the clinicians will tell us that they start abusing or over consuming that's the age at which they stop maturing. So if every time hardship happens, you get drunk or high and you start that at 14. At 30 years

later you're 44, emotionally how mature are you? 14, this explains a lot of problems in our country. The people have a certain age, but not a certain maturity because when hardship happened, they were self-medicating rather than being Spirit-filled. So what he's saying is, "Don't put, you know unclean, "unholy, unhelpful Spirits it's interesting that we still use that language for alcohol don't we. Spirits, because often I'm not saying that all alcohol consumption is a sin, but for some people, there is a Spirit attached to the bottle And it comes to fill you in a way that the Holy Spirit alone should fill you. And it's hope and goal is to get you to not deal with your problems and mature through your problems when the Holy Spirit wants to fill you so that you could deal with your problems and you can mature through your problems. This is very practical, "Do not get drunk with wine for that is debauchery, "but be filled, filled with the Holy Spirit." If you do that, you'll be addressing one another in Psalms mutual encouragement and speaking the word of God to each other and hymns and Spiritual songs. You raise your hands, you raise your voice, your worship. You give your burdens to the Lord, you get emotionally healed up, you come into God's presence, you get fresh perspective and revelation. Singing and making melody with the Lord in your heart giving thanks, always and for everything to God the Father in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. What he's talking about is that it is tragic in a world where there is Satan and sin and struggle and suffering that people would be self-medicating and self-destructing. And what Paul says, probably with tears in his eyes 'cause he loves the people. Then you need to know that I love you is you don't have to do that, you have the Holy Spirit. Now, the people who don't know God they don't have the Holy Spirit. So for them, it is devastating. But for those who know the Lord Jesus and have the Holy Spirit, you have access to a power source that empowered the life of Christ so that the life of Christ can start to show up in and through your life. This is an unbelievable truth. I mean we live in a day when we're all about electrical power, we're all about plugging in our phones, we're all about plugging in our laptops. Some of you are driving Teslas and other hybrid vehicles and it's about powering up your vehicle. Most people don't know how to power up their soul. Most people have a far better plan for their phone and their car and their iPad and their laptop than they do their soul. They don't know it needs to be plugged into the Holy Spirit 'cause that's the power source that the human soul lives by. I'll close with one analogy and then take your questions. So when I was writing the book, "Spirit-Filled Jesus" and I did so here as the pastor at the Trinity Church when we were first starting and I was under a tight book deadline. And so I had this long flight across countries like a five or six hour flight, and I thought, "Perfect, I'm gonna bring my laptop. "I'm gonna sit down, "and I could probably crank out maybe two chapters "in six hours if I'm really flowing and going." So I'm feeling good, pull out my laptop, flip it up, I've got like 2% battery power. And I'm super, I'm just telling you right now. I did not manifest the fruit of the Spirit in that moment. I'll just publicly own that. So I'm like, "Are you kidding me?" This is what I'm thinking. "I'm writing a book on power "and I can't write the book 'cause I got no, "I got no power." So I literally, I laid hands on my laptop, I'm like, "Holy Spirit heal my battery." Did not happen. I worked for a couple of minutes battery dies, done. I sit there like a petulant child for about six hours smoke coming out of my ear, I turn green, my clothes don't fit, I'm not doing good. And I'm thinking, "Lord, here I am just trying to serve you. "You're welcome, you know," I'm trying to teach people about power give me no power, six hours I sit there, steam coming out of my ears. I land, I think I dropped a pen, I bend over to pick it up, what was right here under my seat? An outlet, an unlimited power source that I hadn't neglected to see or plug into for six hours. And I felt like the Lord spoke to me and said, "Son that's what you've been doing." Not living by the power of the Holy Spirit is literally not

availing ourselves to the greatest power source in the universe and then wondering why we're not enjoying the Christian life and why we're not experiencing God's presence and power. And the key is to learn as a believer how do I plug my soul into the Holy Spirit so that I can live a Spirit-filled life like Jesus Christ. Okay, so it makes sense?