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"Living the Spirit-Filled Faith on Monday"

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Today again we begin with the fixed declaration of this series: "Living as a true believer is not about trying harder, but about living aligned with the Spirit."

Introduction ~ We live Sunday, but we collapse on Monday.

Last week we shared the message titled "The Courage to Pause Before the Word." We learned that we must pause. We learned that we must let go of what we have been holding onto. We learned that we must acknowledge that God is truly God. But one question still re-mains. Does that pause continue into Monday? Sunday is sacred. But Monday is reality. On Sunday we say "Amen," but on Monday we become irritated.

On Sunday we make commitments, but on Monday we return to our old habits. Why does this happen? Because our faith has remained inside the church building. Jesus made the disciples pause in the Upper Room, but He did not keep them confined in that room. He sent them into the world. The life of a true believer is not the emotion of Sunday, but the compan-ionship with Christ on Monday.

### Main Message

"Walk by the Spirit" — this is a call to daily companionship with the Spirit

**[Galatians 5:16] I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

The word "walk" here is the Greek περιπατεῖτε(peripateite). This word does not simply mean "to move." It means "to walk around," "to live one's daily life."

And this verb is a present imperative. That means this command is not about a one-time decision, but about a continuous lifestyle.

Faith in the Spirit is not the emotional high of a gathering. It is our attitude on the way to work. It is the tone of our voice in our homes. It is the conscience that guides our decisions in daily life.

Therefore, to walk by the Spirit means to develop the habit of living according to the Spirit.

Being led by the Spirit means a transfer of control

**[Romans 8:14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

The verb “are led” here is ἄγονται (agontai). It is passive. This is a very important theo-logical point. Faith in the Spirit is not a life where I help God, but a life where I am led by God.

Yet we still want to keep control. We pray, but we already have the conclusion in mind. We read Scripture, but we have already decided the direction. But faith in the Spirit asks a different question. Not “Where do I want to go?” but “Where is the Spirit lead-ing me?”

In this sense, I sometimes see my own mistakes. Sometimes before worship begins, I pray like this: “God, please help this worship service be filled with the Holy Spirit. Please help my sermon stir the hearts of the congregation.” And then suddenly I wake up and realize something. Who is helping whom? Am I leading this worship, and is Je-sus helping me become the star of the service? When I realize that, I have to pray again. “Lord, please lead me completely by the power of the Holy Spirit. I will go wherever You lead. Let Your will be done, and use me completely for Your purpose.” If we are not careful even for a moment, we can see how easily our faith can drift in the wrong direction.

Dear brothers and sisters, faith on Monday means completely laying down our control. It means deciding to follow the Lord so that He may take full ownership of our lives outside the church building and use them freely for His purpose. That is the life of a believer.

Right after today’s passage, Paul explains that when we live with control in our own hands and do not walk by the Spirit, only the works of the flesh appear in our lives. The flesh produces works,

not fruit. But when we surrender control to the Lord and walk by the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit appears in our lives. And the fruit of the Spirit is proven on Monday.

**[Galatians 5:22~23] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, good-ness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. These are not verified inside the church building. They are verified at home.

They are verified in the workplace. They are verified while we are driving.

The fullness of the Spirit is not measured by the intensity of speaking in tongues, nor by the length of our prayers. It is measured by the transformation of our character.

The Spirit does not increase noise. He transforms our person. The fruit of the Spirit grows naturally. Do you remember the parable of the vine? If we remain in the Lord, we naturally bear fruit like branches on a vine. But apart from Him we can do nothing. When we remain in Him, His character, His love, His power, and His beautiful nature flow into us and appear in our expressions, our words, and our lives as fruit. That is faith. And that fruit becomes visible on Monday, outside the church building.

This is what we recently learned in John 15 during our early morning services.

**[John 15:4] "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

The word "remain" here is the Greek μένω (meno). It means "to stay," "to continue," "not to leave." Remaining is not a brief visit. It is a continuing dwelling. Sometimes we visit Jesus on Sunday. But we leave Him on Monday. Yet Jesus did not say, "Visit Me." He said, "Remain in Me."

Faith in the Spirit is not the afterglow of Sunday, but the continuation of abiding.

Here we see a wonderful biblical example of how Sunday worship continues into Monday life. It is the story of the Beautiful Gate in Acts chapter 3.

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer. It was the appointed time of worship. On their way, they saw a man sitting at the gate called Beautiful. He had been unable to walk from birth.

The important point is that the miracle did not happen inside the temple. It happened outside the temple gate. The worship of the early church did not end inside the temple. It continued into their homes. It entered into their daily lives. That was their worship.

They saw a need. They paused. They reached out their hands. "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." At that moment, outside the temple gate, the extension of worship took place.

And what happened to the man who was healed? He began walking and leaping and praising God, and he entered the temple together with them. Worship began outside the temple, and the healed man entered into worship. This is what it means to live the Spirit-filled faith on Monday. Worship does not end inside a building. It expands into the world.

Let us expand today's message theologically. Faith in the Spirit stands on three pillars.

First, Union with Christ. We are united with Christ, and the Spirit is the One who unites us with Him.

Second, Indwelling. The Spirit dwells within us. He is not a guest; He is the Lord of our lives.

Third, Leading. The Spirit gives direction. But His leading is not forceful; it is gentle. It is not loud; it is a whisper. Therefore, if we do not know how to pause, we cannot hear Him.

Let us ask ourselves these questions as we wrap it up.

- A. Am I a different person on Sunday and Monday?
- B. Do my words reveal the fruit of the Spirit?
- C. Are my decisions made without prayer?
- D. Am I ignoring the subtle prompting of the Spirit?
- E. Am I living by emotional experiences, or by daily companionship with the Spirit?

Conclusion ~ Pausing must lead to walking

Last week we paused. We acknowledged that God is truly God. Today we walk. But we do not walk alone. Abraham heard and walked. The disciples left the Upper Room and entered the world. Paul paused and then changed direction. So today we declare: "Living as a true believer is not about spiritual moments on Sunday, but about walking with the Spirit on Monday."

Prayer Points

- A. Lord, do not let my faith remain only on Sunday.
- B. Help me follow the Spirit in the choices of Monday.
- C. Let the fruit of the Spirit appear in my character.
- D. Help me lay down control and follow the Spirit's leading.
- E. Let our church become not only a Sunday church, but a Monday church.