# Act 3: The Holy Spirit

Lift the curtains ...as you prepare yourself for the true meaning of Revelation!

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
[Genesis 1:2]



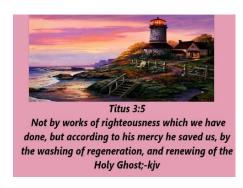
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#### MESSAGE #6

## How we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him.

In Message #1, we looked at how God ushered in the Holy Spirit in preparation for His Voice at the onset of creation. In Message #2, we focused on how God partnered with the Holy Spirit in creating us. In Message #3, we saw the value of the Holy Spirit in helping us experience the fullness of the Blessed Trinity individually as three unique persons and together, as one God. In Message #4, we reflected on how the Holy Spirit helps us to *live* our full DNA: born in the perfect image of God. In Message #5, we looked at how we can enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Now in Message # 6, we will look at how we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him. Oh, what a renewed life the believer can have with this 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Blessed Trinity (Act 3!)



#### Part 1

Let us first understand that through our belief, we have *sealed* our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Wow ... once sealed with Him, we have eternity as we enjoy our inheritance **for the Glory of God**:

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Dear one, I keep reiterating 'for the glory of God' because our lives are truly not our own. We are bought with a price. We are God's - all we are and have or could ever be:

For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:20

So, whatever happens in our lives, we must remember two things:

- God will not give His glory to another (Isaiah 42:8)
- He is a jealous God (Deuteronomy 6:15)

Please let us never be oblivious to either of these.

This is one of the most admirable things about Jesus' life. How He was able to enjoy all of the oneness and fullness with God yet remain humble. The following scripture says it all so beautifully.

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:5-18

- <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, *he humbled himself*, and became obedient unto death, even the death

  of the cross.
- <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- <sup>12</sup> Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- <sup>13</sup> For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
  - <sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
  - <sup>15</sup> That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- <sup>16</sup> Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
- <sup>17</sup> Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.
- <sup>18</sup> For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.



We struggle so much to embrace this humility of Christ. It is a daily effort for many of us. Much of this has to do with layers of life's experiences that cause us to desire fame and fortune. We need to feel noticed and to be in the limelight to feel valued. God wants to put us on a mountaintop if we can just see this. He desires the best for us but at no time must this best place Him in second place.

However, through it all He loves us and enjoys a relationship with us. We are His. But you know what? He is ours too. It is a reciprocal love relationship.

"Thou art mine." Isaiah 43:1
"I am the LORD thy God" Isaiah 43:3

So, yes, we want to enjoy all that God has for us and to do this through the Holy Spirit whom He has put in place. We do not want to miss one step of what God has ordained. He is a meticulous God.

And He made it easy for us by giving us Jesus as a human example. We just have to study His steps, listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and do as we are guided. I know it seems too simple but it really is. We have been equipped with all that we will ever need to live a life that is pleasing to God and one that is fulfilling to us. He missed no step on that roadmap.

Let us just be willing and He will make us able!

#### Part 2

## <u>How</u> can we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him.

We will look at how we can enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives completely to Him. Releasing with no reservation. It is mind boggling to me just to think on how we can ever question the simplicity of this walk ... if we love God then we love His Son and we love His Holy Spirit. They are one and the same.

Please let us take apart the following scripture please as we better understand what it is saying to us:

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory (Ephesians 1:13-14).

- 1. In whom ye also trusted,
- 2. after that ye heard the word of truth,
- 3. the gospel of your salvation:
- 4. in whom also after that ye believed,
- 5. ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

- 6. which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession,
- 7. unto the praise of his glory

#### 1. In whom ye also trusted,

Dear friends, fully releasing to the Holy Spirit starts with *trust*. Nothing much is going to happen outside of this. Do we truly understand who the Holy Spirit is and the magnitude of this? Do we understand that God put Him in place from the time of creation? Do we understand that Jesus did nothing on earth without Him? Do we understand that nothing is going to happen without Him for we are empty and dead without His presence?

If we really understand all of this, do we trust in the one whom Jesus gave to us ... the Holy Spirit? Who the Holy Spirit is and all that He can be in our journeys as well? Trust in the context of throwing ourselves on Him as a babe on the bosom of their mother. A total surrender knowing inwardly that all is well – we are in a safe place. Until we do this full surrender, we are holding back. In holding back, we are depriving ourselves of all that God has in store for us through the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit.

## 2. after that ye heard the word of truth,

Note that *after* we trust the Holy Spirit, we heard the word of truth. Not just heard but listened and embraced what is true: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is *true*, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

It is where we hear the truth and all that is within us *desires* to live this truth. The truth is that we are dead without the Holy Spirit. The truth is that it is only the Holy Spirit who gives us the wisdom and understanding of these things: "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding." Isaiah 11:2

## *3. the gospel of your salvation:*

Where we accept that the truth about our salvation is given to us through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. A gospel of salvation that we accept without shame: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believe ..." Romans 1:16. Have we accepted this salvation knowing that it is personally ours? Jesus died just for you and for me? This death that happened only because the Holy Spirit was present with our precious Lord Jesus on this earth as He endured all for our freedom.

## 4. in whom also after that ye believed,

We want to come to that place of *total* belief through the Holy Spirit who Jesus lovingly gave to us after His death: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:38-39

## 5. ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Contingent on all of the above-mentioned, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise! Sealing is about a tight closing that inseparably binds two things. We are airtightly *sealed* with the Holy Spirit. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:5: "Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge." Just pause and think for a moment on this loving God who would give us (human beings) His precious Holy Spirit.

Even more strongly, we are advised of the following: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption". Ephesians 4:30. Through this sealing, God has given us the earnesty of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 1:22

If there are some scriptures that 'racked my brain', they are the ones below:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:32

I think the struggle came as I compared Ephesians 4:30 and Matthew 12:32 with the following two scriptures:

Jesus Himself assures us, "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away". John 6:37

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18

As I read these latter two scriptures, I feel that I am loved and forgiven by God and Jesus no matter what I do. Right? So why then is it so *unforgivable* to grieve the Holy Spirit? I could not get it for a long time.

But ohhhhh, now I do ...

You see God and Jesus placed the Holy Spirit as the precursor of all of our blessings, inheritance and gifts. So, without Him, we are dead.

When we grieve Him by refusing to accept Him, we forfeit all that has been created just for us. So, it started to make sense to me finally. No forgiveness, no love, no redemption, no hope, no grace without the Holy Spirit.

God will not turn back on what He has put in place: all things happening (action) in and through and by His Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to us when He returned to the Father after His death. Because with all He did for us at the cross – salvation is in vain without the help of the Holy Spirt. This the design. It makes perfect sense to me now.

For this reason, came this "Act 3 Holy Spirit Series". We cannot be a part of the bridal party as the Bride of Christ without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This is just how it is.

**6.** which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession,

Dear Ones, the Holy Spirit is our guarantor. He will ensure we enjoy our purchased inheritance. The purchase price being the death of our beloved Lord Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, we are promised our redemption.

Wow, what does it mean to be redeemed? It is the lifting of that weight of sin in the Garden of Eden where we can enjoy all that God first intended for us.

It is the road to receiving our full inheritance. All that God desires us to have through the Holy Spirit and by the example of Jesus.

It is about enjoying what it means to be born in the perfect image of God ... no less. We are told: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

## 7. unto the praise of his glory

But please let us remember and you will hear me say this repeatedly ... it is all about and for and to the glory of God! He will not give His glory to another (Isaiah 42:8). He will not and nothing will change this.

So, note as we took Ephesians 1:13-14 apart that each part requires an action from us – an action that further helps us to release ourselves fully to the Holy Spirit:

- We have to welcome the holy spirit
- We have to trust Him
- We have to be willing to hear the word of truth
- We have to acknowledge the gospel of our salvation
- We recognize that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit
- We accept our inheritance and we do this all to the glory of God.

To do these action words, we have to *release* ourselves to the working of the Hoy Spirit because nothing that is promised to us will happen without Him. We are truly dead without His presence working in our lives (James 2:26).

Let us understand that we own nothing. Each and everything we receive is through the grace of God and for His glory. No exceptions. This ensures our humility as Jesus is humble. He equaled Himself with God because this is what God had designed yet Jesus remains in full obedience to His Father each step of the way.



#### Part 3

## What is it that <u>prevents</u> us from releasing ourselves fully to the Holy Spirit?

**Let your Isaacs go!** What do I mean by this? We know the story with God and Abraham in releasing his son, Isaac, on the altar. Let us review this story please in Genesis 22:1-18.

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

- <sup>3</sup> And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
  - <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
  - <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

- <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
- <sup>7</sup> And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
- <sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.
- <sup>9</sup> And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.
  - <sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
- <sup>11</sup> And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.
- <sup>12</sup> And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.
- <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

<sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

<sup>16</sup> And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

<sup>17</sup> That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

<sup>18</sup> And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.



## Note the words: "Because thou hast obeyed my voice".

My dears, it is truly not about any good works we could ever do. It is about *obedience* through a *willing* heart to put God first in our lives always. To get to that place Jesus did at the cross when He said: "Not my will, but thine be done." Oh, what these words must have been like to His Father's ears especially at a time when His perfect and precious Son was at the most excruciating part of His life's journey on earth ... His death on the cross.

Releasing to the Holy Spirit comes when we make that final commitment to be willing to serve God in full obedience. Because God is His Holy Spirit and God is His Son – three in one!

Now what it is that prevents us from releasing? What are those *Isaacs* in our lives that we simply cannot place on the altar? It may not be a son like Isaac but it can be any person or anything that comes between us and our total commitment to God.

Remember again He will not give His glory to another and He is a jealous God. Absolutely *nothing* must take precedence over Him. Oh, I cannot emphasize this enough. At no time must we think we know more than God or that we can run ahead of Him. No – please don't.

Let us get the following scriptures carved on our hearts please:

~ I will not give my glory to another. Isaiah 42:8 ~ I am a jealous God. Exodus 20:5

~ Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else will fall in line. Matthew 6:33

Maybe the following, among many others, are what we allow to come between us and our Heavenly Father? Let's take time to look at each please:

- 1. Relationships
- 2. Power and control
- 3. Wealth
- 4. Jealousy
- 5. Anger
- 6. Strong will
- 7. Rebellion
- 8. Cravings
- 9. Pain
- 10.Unforgiveness

## Relationships

I started with this because there tends to be such a sense of loneliness and emptiness that we experience. We feel incomplete without another person in our lives. We don't believe we can stand on our own, succeed on our own, make it through life on our own.

I know this is not easy and I am not underestimating it. But the reality is that we will not always have someone at our side 24/7. It is just not going to happen. God did create community for us to enjoy by placing many of us on this earth. But He also has equipped us fully as individuals so that He can enjoy us as a person and as a community. It does not matter what a sincere and amazing love you find on this earth – kudos to you if you do – but don't expect that person to always be there. It is just not meant to be this way.

So, in this context, let us enjoy all that God gives to us through others but let us also stand strong in God as we seek Him first, as we give Him all the glory and as we make Him our first Beloved. He is there 24/7 when we are awake or asleep. So, we will never be alone with Him in our lives.

In this context, let no one take the place that God must always occupy. So let us release ourselves fully to the Holy Spirit as He works in us to fill us up to overflow even when there is no one around. He has done this. He is doing this and He will forever do it.

#### Power and control

We feel we have to be powerful and in control of our lives and all those around us. When we don't, we feel as if we are losing our balance, our recognition, our thirst to be known and to be served and to be exalted.

Well, sorry dear one. This is a place for God, not us. He is the only powerful one before whom we stand powerless. Completely powerless. To take this power is only to fail. It will not happen.

One way of releasing to the Holy Spirit is to start giving away power slowly to God and to others. Empower those in your walk so that they too enjoy feeling in control. When we as leaders, teach our followers about the Holy Spirit and how He enables them as much as He enables us, we then realize that we are equally their followers (since they are leaders too). We are all leaders and followers growing with and learning from each other. Try it – it is really beautiful when we create leaders even greater than ourselves by releasing our drive for power.

Don't feel you will lose control. In fact, you will gain even more. Once we put the Holy Spirit in His seat in our lives, we feel as if we are on top of the world for He works flawlessly in and through us. Believe me – I live this daily.

#### Wealth

Oh, by 'wealth', I don't mean the normal comforts of life. God wants us to have and to enjoy these. He is the provider of these things. What I am addressing is a thirst for earthly wealth that causes us to do or give just about anything to accumulate things on this earth that can rust or disappear tomorrow (Matthew 6:19).

No dear one. There is a wealth that is heavenly and lasting. It stays with us no matter where we are — whether on or off this physical earth. We are loaded, we are rich, we are millionaires+, we all full to overflow when we have the wealth that God intended for us. It is so durable.

Release fully to the Holy Spirit by letting go of our drive to be wealthy or to be the wealthiest by owning lots of material things. Let us ask Him to fill our being. As we invite Him and see Him at work, all else will go that is not of Him. It is truly remarkable. He works flawlessly.

#### **Jealousy**

Oh, how we allow this to destroy our relationship with God where we cannot release to the Holy Spirit. We are so full of jealously that makes us bitter and sad.

Don't look to your left or right or behind you. Look straight ahead and stay focused on the face of God. There is 'no' second you in this world of 8+ billion people.

He made you so unique. Don't trade or desire to trade who you are for anyone else – lest you miss the greatest gift in life ... **you!** No one can fill your space on this earth. Without you, the puzzle of life is lacking. Please hug yourself and don't look at what others are or have. They can never be the awesome you!

## **Anger**

So many things can displease us in life and drive us to that place of anger where we cannot see further. This can be such a hindrance in our free walk with God and His lovely Trinity.

Don't ignore your anger but rather, deal with it.

Oftentimes we cannot do this on our own. Let us release ourselves to the Holy Spirt. He knows the root issues of these angers even more than we do. He can go in us where we cannot. Let Him come in us and heal all that is causing the anger.

You will enjoy the lightness you feel as He works in the depth of you. Remember that He is working with us to enjoy all that God has prepared for us through His Son. The three work perfectly in tandem. Isn't this beautiful? Oh and we house them all within us ... our body, their home. My mind can barely wrap around the awesomeness of it all. You too?

## Strong will

Ohh how we think we know who we are, what we want and determined to get it at any cost. It is that *Garden of Eden* experience where we feel we know more than God or can do better with our lives than He can.

No, my dears. All knowledge belongs to God. He sees and hears where our little eyes and ears cannot go. He created us and from in the womb, designed our purpose. He has the road map in His hand. He is meticulous. Don't let us deprive ourselves of a journey that has been planned for us in the most detailed manner. Let's yield to God as we allow the Holy Spirit to give us all we need to be humble enough to listen, learn, do and be all that we were created to be.

## Rebellion

At times, we are determined to do things our way or claim this is our nature. We have to oppose others even before hearing them out. We feel we know what is best at all times.

Don't let us deprive ourselves of the joy of sharing, listening, loving, praying, yielding, supporting. Too much to miss from our lives. This is a learning journey for me too. Pausing to listen more ... out of pure love for each other.

The reality is that we do not know everything. We cannot live without having contact with others so we may as well make space for them and enjoy all that they can add to our lives. It does not have to always be our way – it can sometimes be what others add and we value their input.

We fight within ourselves; we fight with each other. We don't even feel we need God as we are self-sufficient. We are truly not. We are created to love, to have community and to serve a God who knows all and who desires to love and guide us through His Son and His Holy Spirit.

## Cravings

Oh, we love things even when they hurt our mind, body and spirit. We try to restrain ourselves but we cannot. We stress ourselves to no end because we want what we want but also know how it can all work against us. Some of us succeed then we regress. Others just give up and give in to these cravings.

Dear ones, we cannot stop these cravings on our own. We cannot. So, relax and reduce the stress. Focus on God. As we learn to love and trust Him, His Son and His Holy Spirit – we will find ourselves releasing the cravings as we desire them lesser and lesser. I promise you.

You will not only have no desire for that eating that can harm you (or that cigarette or that alcohol or anything else that is hurting you) but, the desire goes as you find that the desire to love and serve God becomes even more powerful daily. As you release it all, your craving is replaced with a new 'panting' for the things of God. Things that are lasting and good for your mind, body and spirit. The end result of all this being daily joy. I live this and I long to see others enjoy the same.

#### Pain

Yes, I know that life brings a lot of pains with it. Pains from health, heartbreaks, disappointments, fights, misunderstandings and so forth. Sometimes it all becomes more than we can manage.

But let us also remember that our perfect Lord endured the same and worse. I believe that the only thing that saw Him through on this earth was His love for God, His Father and His desire to please God and to live for Him.

We too will find that as we shift our eyes from the pains to God, the pains become lesser and eventually nonexistent. Again, it is about releasing and letting God take over. He does this within us through His Holy Spirit.

Remember please that we are what we see, we are what we behold. Let us behold God so that we can become all that He desires of and for us. He made us in His perfect image – lacking nothing.

## **Unforgiveness**

Oh dear – how this can destroy us. If only we can see that forgiveness is 90% for us and 10% for the other person(s). We allow it to fester for so long where it erodes us internally and externally. Don't allow it – please.

We are to forgive as often as God forgives us. Yes, out of wisdom, we may be cautious and learn from some lessons in life. But, let us forgive so that we too can be forgiven.

Oftentimes, I hear the debate whether we should give trust-love-compassion-grace or let others earn each of these. Where would we be if God made us earn these things? Please reflect on this.

If there is a story in the Bible that touches my heart is the one with Mary Magdalene – no one was able to cast a stone at her since no one was perfect (John 8:7). I can just imagine the silence back then when Jesus challenged them to throw that stone at Mary Magdalene IF they were perfect.

Let us forgive in love. We grow and flourish as we release it all.



# PART 4 Living this Message Today

I have found that releasing myself to the Holy Spirit is a process. It is not something that may happen quickly and this is all okay. The very process is what is so beautiful.

The Trinity is not about judging us. They love us and want to see us succeed in our relationship with them. They are constantly there for us and want to ensure we miss nothing. Hence, the reason for blessing us with the Holy Spirit so that we have all we need to feel enabled.

For me personally, each year feels like my best year because I am so much closer in this journey of total release. I enjoy speaking with 'them', listening to them, and being silent with them. Each member of the Trinity is a person and each is there to ensure we have all we need for eternal life.

The first time I came to embrace the Holy Spirit as a person is the moment in my life when I was fully transformed. He filled my entire being like a room fully lit. Indeed, I feel that I am complete with Him. There is nothing I cannot tackle once He is with me and within me. I do not have to be concerned about decisions or the course my life takes or should take. Once I stay focused on Him, I am fully covered, sheltered and safe!

#### ~ PERSONAL REFLECTION ~

The main reflection for this message is to ponder over the following 10 barriers to releasing fully to the Holy Spirit as shared in this message:

- 1. Relationships
- 2. Power and control
- 3. Wealth
- 4. Jealousy
- 5. Anger
- 6. Strong will
- 7. Rebellion
- 8. Cravings
- 9. Pain
- 10. Unforgiveness

How many of them can you relate to in your perosnal walk?

How do you plan on dealing with each?



Dear Father,

We thank you for all that you are in our lives.

Please give us the desire and willingness to yield to your Holy Spirit. You know our strengths and challenges. Please guide us.

We are grateful that you love us enough to give Jesus as our best possible example and the Holy Spirit to enable us.

Father, we know that as we release to the Holy Spirit, our lives will be orderly and in submission to you.

Open our eyes. Clear our vision. May we see you only. In seeing you, may we behold all that you are within us. May we embrace our DNA from you. You are our God and we are your children.

We are humbly grateful just to be in our presence.

Amen

