

# MINISTRY DIRECTOR'S MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019

## I. "WHERE THE LOVE IS LIVED OUT"

**"Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,  
It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NIV**

Think about a time when you experienced "where the love is lived out."  
What did it feel like emotionally? What did it look like practically?

- A) FOLLOWERS OF JESUS = DISCIPLES WHO ARE \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) WE GROW BY SERVING AND BY CONNECTING IN A \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY FOLLOWING JESUS INTO TRUTH, EXPERIENCE AND RELATIONSHIPS.
- D) AT CATHEDRAL OF FAITH, MINISTRIES = OUR \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ WHERE RELATIONSHIP HAPPENS.

How can you as a Ministry Director be more intentional about loving those who serve in your ministry, helping them be more like Christ, and experience "where the love is lived out?"

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1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Your Translation

## II. “WHERE THE LOVE IS LIVED OUT” BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### A) LOVE REQUIRES WIND POWER VERSUS WILL POWER

- 1) We cannot change ourselves, improve ourselves, or truly minister just by exerting our own “\_\_\_\_\_.” (If this were so, we would not need Jesus, nor the Holy Spirit.)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ can only deal with externals. It is incapable of bringing about the necessary empowering or transformation of the inner spirit.
- 3) The needed change within us is \_\_\_\_\_, not ours. The demand is for an inside job, and only God can work from the inside.

### B) WIND POWER: FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1) The New Testament emphasizes the importance of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ role in the ministry of Jesus and the continuation of that role in the Early Church. Jesus’ public ministry was launched by the Holy Spirit coming upon Him (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32). The Book of Acts presents an extension of that ministry through the disciples by means of the empowering Holy Spirit.

**“If you then, though you are evil,  
know how to give good gifts to your children,  
how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit  
to those who ask Him?”  
Luke 11:13**

**“You will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”  
Acts 1:8**

2) On the Day of Pentecost (2:1–21), three dramatic phenomena occurred: a violent wind, fire, and speaking in tongues. The wind and the fire, which in Scripture are symbols of the Holy Spirit, preceded the outpouring of the Spirit; but the phenomenon of \_\_\_\_\_ was an integral part of the disciples' experience of Spirit baptism. The impetus for speaking in tongues was the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, all who were filled with the Spirit spoke in tongues (Acts 2:4).

3) Speaking in tongues also benefits the speaker spiritually, for Paul says that:

**“Anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God,  
and that the one who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves.”  
1 Corinthians 14:2,4**

4) This is the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of tongues, which is associated with praising God and giving Him thanks (verses 16,17). This aspect is sometimes called a prayer language. It is an element in praying in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20). Because it is a means by which believers edify themselves spiritually, tongues may be called a means of grace.

5) It ought to be a continual, \_\_\_\_\_ experience. This is implied in Paul's statement to the Corinthians:

**“I wish all of you to continue speaking in tongues.” 1 Corinthians 14:5**

Paul also says:

**“Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18**

6) While genuine speaking in tongues cannot be self-generated, the seeker must cooperate with, or be inspired by, the \_\_\_\_\_ and to give vocal expression to an inner prompting to utter unfamiliar sounds. The experience of the disciples on the Day of Pentecost is instructive;

**“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”  
Acts 2:4**

\_\_\_\_\_ are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This was the normal experience of all in the Early Christian Church. **With it come the endowment of power for life and service**, and the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 1 Corinthians 12:1–31). With the fullness of the Holy Spirit, (John 7:37–39; Acts 4:8), come such experiences as a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active **LOVE** for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

TO TRULY BE A PEOPLE WHERE THE LOVE IS LIVED OUT  
REQUIRES WIND POWER THAT COMES FROM BEING FILLED WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:30PM