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Training Unit 4

The conditions for sending: The power of the Holy Spirit II

In the last training unit, we saw that four steps are required for a genuine biblical conversion:

1. Faith
2. Repentance
3. Water baptism
    - If these conditions are met, we can trust that…
4. …we will receive the Holy Spirit, if I ask God in faith
    - As soon as faith is in the heart, the further three steps can happen together:

When the Holy Spirit comes into our life, he does not come calmly or unnoticed, but very specific experiences occur:

A) Speaking in other tongues
B) Lifting and praising of God and his great works
C) Preaching that Jesus is the Son of God
C) Prophecy
D) Crying out in the heart: Abba, Father!

The exchange of persons

1) Jesus spent three years together with his disciples (three years of ministry)
2) after his death on the cross
3) after his resurrection
4) Jesus returns to the Father

The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit that he would be within us and remain (sealed) with us and that he would help us in following Christ in the ministry of sending.

The three levels of the coming of the Holy Spirit

1. Coming of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 4:6
Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Ezekiel 36:26-27
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit

- Then the Holy Spirit takes as much space as we offer him!
- It's never the question, how much Holy Spirit we have as born-again believers (we have him fully!), but how much he has of us!

Example of the dirty glass
Firstly, you need to pour out the dirty water, then rinse and clean the glass. Finally, the glass is filled with fresh water. Water is a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Water doesn't only come to just fill the glass but to fill it until it eventually overflows!

Ephesians 5:18-20
Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Example: Comparison to an alcoholic
Alcoholics have the constant desire to drink alcohol. In the morning, at lunch, in the evening until they lose consciousness and fall asleep. Alcohol influences their whole mindset.

- Paul uses that illustration; We are not supposed to be alcoholics – but we should be „Holy Ghost alcoholics "! We are supposed to keep reaching out for more and more of the Holy Spirit.

3. Overflow

John 7:37-39
On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

- Powerful illustration for The Holy Spirit
- We „drink" the Holy Spirit – this living water - and it becomes the spring within us
- From our body, from that source, streams of living water flow

So, we can measure the Spirit – how much Holy Spirit flows from us to other people?

John 4:14
But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

1. Coming of the Holy Spirit

He brings eternal life and the power of Jesus into our life/heart

2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means:

A) The growing of the fruits of the Spirit **IN** us and the transforming move of the Spirit **ON** us
B) The impact of the gifts and generally the impact of the Spirit **THROUGH** us

Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

1 Corinthians 12:7-10
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gift of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous power, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

The Spirit wants to overflow within us to move through us into the world

„The seven-fold overflow of the Holy Spirit" for anyone that is ready to be sent:

1. Guidance

John 16:13-14
But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

Acts 8:26+29
Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 29The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Example: Andy and Matthew find a man of peace
Andy and Matthew went to the city and asked God where they could preach the Gospel. The Holy Spirit led them to a house and they took pictures of the name tags of the inhabitants. With the picture's help they prayed regularly for these people. 1.5 months later, Andy and Matthew met a man from another city who was very open for the Gospel. The man asked, if they could come to his house and share the Gospel with his wife and his kids to teach them the same! When they asked him for his address, he gave them the exact same address Andy & Matthew had been praying for 1, 5 months. They showed him the photo with the names and told him they had been praying for them for a while now. Max (this man) was so deeply touched by the fact that God himself had sent him the good news, that he burst into tears.

2. Prayer

Ephesians 3:14
For this reason, I kneel before the Father,

Colossians 4:2-3
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Example: Prayer for the harvest
We prayed intensively together for the harvest with the help of an unfolded map. Then God spoke: „20 km, measured from your doorstep, there is a village that starts with the letter "R". You will go into that village. 20 km from our house there was a village called "Reinach". So, we went there, and it was unbelievable how the harvest was prepared – people were really open and we could immediately start a community of faith.

3. Laying on of hands, to receive the Holy Spirit and healing

Acts 19:6
When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 28:8
His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.

Example: Laying on of hands on a boy with an eye disease
This child suffered from an incurable disease (until today, there is no proven healing of this disease apart from the following, neither through medical treatment nor through prayer). So, they laid hands on him and prayed. The next day, his mum came back and told the story: She went to the doctor this morning he checked the boy and said that in **65 years** he had never seen such a healing! He stated that he would spend all his

money to fly in all kids with that disease to let people lay hands on and pray for them, so they would all be healed – like this boy!

4. Doing good

Matthew 5:16
In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Example: Trainee from Nepal – **Bhakta**
Bhakta was really excited about the discipleship training and began to share the Gospel. One time, when the disciples were gathered together praising God, a terrible earthquake happened and destroyed many homes – but these trainees were not hurt because they were praising God outside, not at home. Immediately, Bhakta started to help people rebuilding the destroyed homes from the people of the village. He didn't only help believers but also non-believers and did them a lot of good. Then a woman came to him and asked for prayer, he laid hands on her and she was healed, baptized and became a follower of Christ.

5. Talking from inspiration

Luke 12:12
For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.

Matthew 10:20
For it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Example: Talking from inspiration
Florian had prepared to speak in front of 2'300 youth approximately. When he went to the event, he saw a white piece of paper with a really powerful sermon in a vision. The Holy Spirit instructed him to skip the words he had prepared and to only preach exactly what he had seen on the piece of paper in the vision. So, Florian, word for word, copied the words from the vision and wrote it on a piece of paper. The message he gave that night was so incredibly anointed that in the end, almost all the young people were on their knees repenting and turning to God.

- The Holy Spirit wants to speak/flow through us and touch other people's hearts

6. Hearing the voice of the shepherd

John 10:27
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:16

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Example: God's voice heard very clearly
Florian and Anni had fasted for three weeks. After these three weeks Florian went for a prayer walk and suddenly heard the voice of God very clearly that said he should quit his job and move somewhere else to build the Kingdom of God there – which eventually turned into a movement.

7. Seeing what the Father does

John 5:19
Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Example: Trainee Mahesh
This trainee went into an isolated region with his family after God had shown him in a vision. He built a house there, then the Lord supernaturally revealed him different people's faces, their stories and secrets.
So, he went into the village, where he met these men that he had seen in the vision. He told them everything the Lord had shown him about them and they immediately repented, wanted to be baptized and each of one of them started a community of faith.

- **Task: spiritual life/spiritual ministry**

- Examine your spiritual life and your ministry. Examine whether you have experienced breakthrough in the 7 named areas and where you still need more breakthrough.
- Ask the Lord in a prayer of faith that he would release his Spirit into the areas which are still blocked.
- Then take SPECIFIC steps of faith in the areas you had hardly any or no breakthrough.
- Take a powerful time of worship and with that, pray to be COMPLETELY FILLED with the Holy Spirit… "instead be filled with the Spirit by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:19-20)

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