

# inflate • Breathe the Spirit

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Week 4 of 8

GOD IS MY AIR: In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH • LOUIE GIGLIO TEASER • PRAY

## BREATHING LESSONS

1. If you want the breath of God in your life, you need the Word of God in your heart (2 Timothy 3:16–17).
2. If you want to know the Word, you need to know Jesus (Hebrews 1:1–4).
3. If you want to know Jesus, you need the **Spirit** (John 16:12–15)

## Lessons from John 16:12–15 (p. 750)

- Jesus has **more** for us than he himself spoke.
- The Spirit speaks what he **hears**, even the future.
- The Spirit always **points** to **Jesus**.
- All the **truth** Jesus has for us comes by the **Spirit**.

For further insight, read 1 Corinthians 2:9–15

My Father => The Word => Jesus => Holy Spirit => ME

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## How to hear God's Spirit

ILL: BOY IN THE PARKING LOT • ILL: MY NOVEL

### THE EARLIEST EXAMPLES

Acts 2:4

Acts 9:17

Acts 10:44–46

Acts 13:1–3

Acts 15 (p. 768)

“We have heard... So we all agreed... Therefore, we are sending... It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us... You are to abstain... You will do well...”

Acts 15:24-29

## ACTION STEPS

1. By faith in Christ and the promises of God, we **receive** the **presence** of the Holy Spirit.

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

Acts 2:38-39

2. By **constant use** we learn to discern good from evil.

*But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

Hebrews 5:14

1 John 4:1-3 // test the spirits, Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

KNOW THE WORD • KNOW JESUS • TEST YOUR FAITH

3. We submit our burdens, passions, and insights to a sensitive **community** of **worship**.

*When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem... While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”*

Acts 12:25, 13:2

4. With humility and faith, we **go** with what we **know**.

SOMETIMES, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE “NO” OF ANOTHER

SOMETIMES, YOU NEED TO PRESS ON THROUGH APPARENT OBSTACLES.

As we live these things, we will more clearly learn the voice of the Holy Spirit.

## My Journey

PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO DIVINE OPPORTUNITIES

SOAR • WHEATON COLLEGE

MANHATTAN BEACH --> MY DAD “IS GOD LEADING?” // “THAT’S HOW GOD LEADS YOU.”

JENNIFER • DENVER SEMINARY • CHICAGO

LAFAYETTE // ASSESSMENT CENTER & PRAYER

God has given me passions, he has given me the knowledge of his Word, he has brought coincidences into my life, a few times, he gave me obvious signs in answer to prayer, sometimes he has placed a thought in my mind, and once, he even gave me a vision in a dream.

BUT THE BREATH OF GOD NEVER REALLY CAME UNTIL I WALKED INTO HIS LEADING.