



Spirit Led

Has the Holy Spirit ever spoken to you like this: *“The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’” (Acts 8:29)* Well I don’t think I have ever heard a command uttered quite so clearly to me personally by the Holy Spirit, but I do know that He leads me.

The Spirit of God has led me to deep conviction about sin in my life (John 16:8). He has given me answers to questions about what I should do and where I should go. He certainly has given me warnings about things I shouldn’t do and places I shouldn’t go. He has also given me assurance many times in moments of uncertainty. He has given me courage many times when I found myself in-over-my-head. But, oh, how many more times I have ignored His promptings!

I fear that we often do not recognize the Spirit’s leading in our lives simply because we don’t expect it and don’t ask for it. And I am afraid that we often don’t obey the Spirit’s leading because we just choose to do it our own way. May we learn to *“be led by the Spirit” (Romans 8:14)* and *“live by the Spirit [and] keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25)*.

The Holy Spirit of God speaks to us through His inspired Scriptures, through godly friends, through the words of songs and hymns, and through our own consciences.

There is no question that the Spirit leads us. The only question is whether or not we are listening. And if we are listening, will we follow what we hear?

A Prayer

Abba Father, help me to hear your voice and know your will for my life. I thank you for the indwelling of your Holy Spirit in my very person. I thank you for His work through your Holy Word. And I thank you for His guidance through my interaction with other people and through the circumstances of life.

Father, convict me through the influence of your Spirit and give me the courage to live out those convictions for your glory. Teach me to walk with the Spirit and to hear His voice.

In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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