

## Spiritual Life Required!

Learning to live based on Christ's supernatural provision for life and ministry.

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## Session 4

### Discovering our new equipment!

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## How should we proceed?

- First, we **must** try to understand the difference between **the old** man and **the new**.
- Then, we **must** discover the equipment that God has provided for us to **live** like the new!
- Finally, we **must** learn to walk according to the new.

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## Two problems:

1. The old man **doesn't have the will** to obey the commandments of God.
  - He has **a heart of stone** and, sometimes, **as hard as flint!** (Zechariah 7:12)
2. The old man **doesn't have the capacity** to live according to the will of God.

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## Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you

**both** **to will** and **to do**

for His good pleasure.

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## Ezekiel 36:26-27

The willing

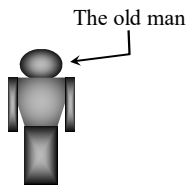
<sup>26</sup> I will **give you a new heart** and **put a new spirit within you**; I will take the **heart of stone** out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

The doing

<sup>27</sup> I will **put My Spirit within you** and **cause you to walk** in My statutes, and you will **keep** My judgments and **do** them.

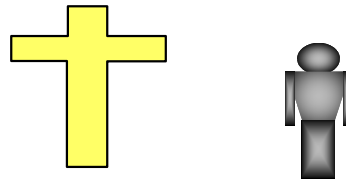
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This new reality works like this...



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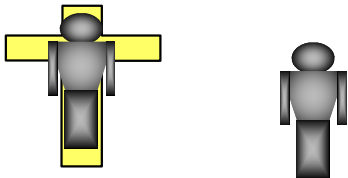
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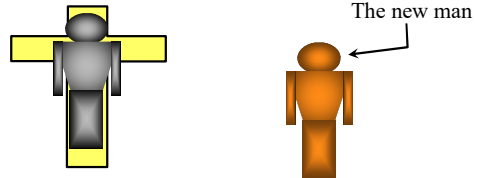
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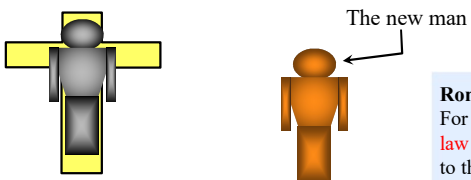


...and then He recreates us!

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**2 Corinthians 5:17:**

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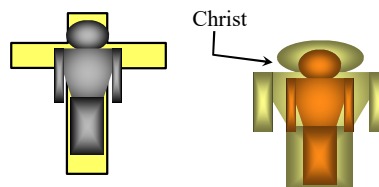


**Romans 7:22:**  
For *I delight in the law of God* according to the *inward man.*

...and then He recreates us!

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He recreates us...

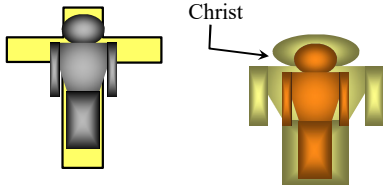


...and Christ starts living in us

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**Gal 2:20:**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,  
**but Christ lives in me**



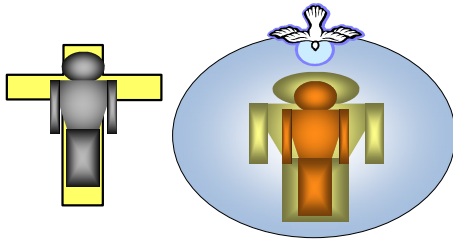
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- This may be the life we now **desire** to live **but...**
- The source of **revelation** and **empowerment** might still be missing!
- All we have described so far may end up being nothing more than **mere theory**...

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**All this is made possible because...**



**Phi. 4:13:**  
I can do all things  
through Christ  
who strengthens  
me.

...He gives us the Holy Spirit!

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**John 16:1-7**

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth.

It is **to your advantage** that I go away;  
for **if I do not go away, the Helper will not  
come to you;**  
**but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**

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**Taking Advantage of  
The Advantage**

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**How we will proceed...**

1. We will read a passage of Scripture.
2. I will share something important related to our subject\*  
using the content of that passage.
3. We will read another passage and continue **building up  
the subject** repeating what we did in no. 2 above.
4. Once we finish this process, I will share some real-life  
situations for application.

\* Taking advantage of The Advantage

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## Luke 3:21-22

- <sup>21</sup> When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.
- <sup>22</sup> And **the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him**, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

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Jesus' life and public ministry  
changed after that "Holy Spirit" experience.

Let's see...

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## Luke 4:1-2; 14-15

- <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus, being **filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness,
- <sup>2</sup> being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

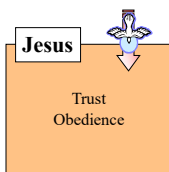
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## Luke 4:1-2; 14-15

- <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.
- <sup>15</sup> And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

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## Jesus and the Holy Spirit



Guidance and empowerment resulting in:

- Authoritative teaching
- Signs and wonders
- Love, compassion, boldness
- Power to forgive sins
- Total victory over sin and death!

What an amazing relationship!

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## Matthew 10:1

- <sup>1</sup> And when **He had called His twelve disciples to Him**, **He gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

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## Jesus' provision for His disciples

Jesus

Jesus is  
physically present

"I am with you."

**Great!**

Disciples

- Example
- Teaching and correction
- Power for signs and wonders
- Clear instructions and direction
- Safety in times of trouble

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## John 16:1-7

<sup>4</sup> But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup> But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

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## John 16:1-7

I've been with you  
Now I am leaving you  
It is to your advantage that I leave  
**I will send another Helper!**

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## A different scenario...

Jesus

Jesus is  
physically present

"I am around."

**No so great...**

Disciples

- By themselves on the boat...
- By themselves doing ministry: healing or casting out demons...

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Jesus

Jesus is  
physically present

"I am with you."

**Great!**

**To their Advantage...**  
"I am leaving  
you."

The Helper will come

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## Mark 14:27

<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

‘I will strike the Shepherd,  
And the sheep will be scattered.’

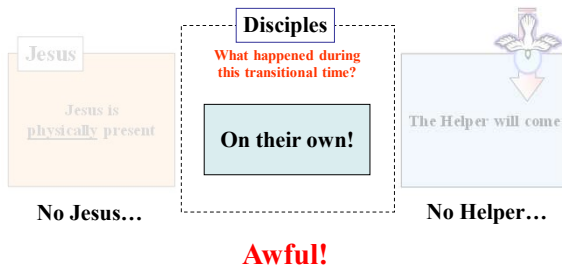
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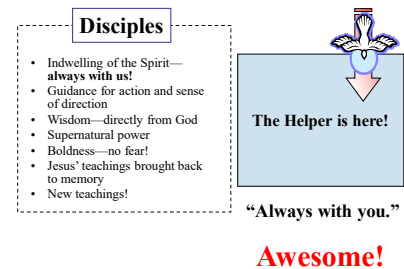
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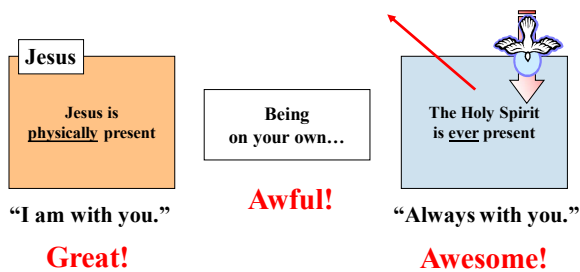
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## The fulfillment of the promise...



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## A tremendous advantage!



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## A word of caution...

- This advantageous experience is not:
  - An intellectual exercise
  - An emotional exercise
  - A mystical exercise
- It is a spiritual exercise!

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## Practical Application

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## Psalm 32:8-9

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

**Holy Spirit**  
wisdom, guidance, care

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<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

**Mistrust, unbelief**

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**We are  
on our own**

**Mistrust, unbelief**

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## John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and will be **in** you.

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## 1 Corinthians 3:16

**Do you not know** that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**We are  
on our own**

**Lack of knowledge**

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### Galatians 5:25

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**We are  
on our own**

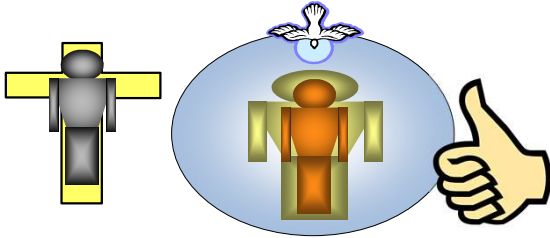
**Limited understanding**

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Will you take advantage of  
The Advantage?

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**This is our new equipment!**



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### What about the Soul?

- The spiritual man may lack understanding of certain things, may feel tired or sad, and he may have an urge to control the whole \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

**Nevertheless...**

- He refuses to allow his **thoughts**, his **feelings** and his **will** to lead as he walks with God.

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### What about the Soul?

- That being said...
- Being a spiritual being does not imply that the soul is under-estimated and eliminated from the experience...

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### What about the Soul?

- The soul must find its rightful place as **a close collaborator of the spirit**
  - i.e., bringing all its abilities to the service of the spirit without seeking to be the controlling element in our spiritual walk.
  - We must feel free to fully engage our thinking, our emotions, our creativity, our will, and our decision-making abilities in the spiritual experience!
  - We have gained new spiritual abilities, but we should also **feel free and excited** to use our natural gifts!

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## Walking in the Spirit

- New equipment 
- Spiritual abilities: **Spiritual perception, faith, Holy Spirit leading**
  - We can see the kingdom of God
  - We can enter the kingdom of God
  - We can know things of the Spirit
- Holy Spirit **empowerment** 
- Natural gifts: Those we got the first time we were born
- Spiritual gifts: Those available the second time we are born



## Session 5

### Learning to walk as a spiritual person

## How should we proceed?

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## How does it work?

### Walking in the flesh

#### Soulish Man

<b>Mind</b> Emotions Will	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Understand</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Feel good</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Control</div>
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I lead

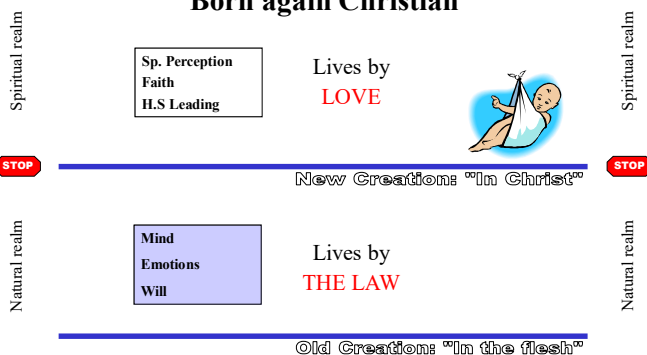
### Walking in the Spirit

#### Spiritual Man

<b>Sp. Perception</b> <b>Faith</b> <b>HS leading</b>	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Know</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Trust</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Obey</div>
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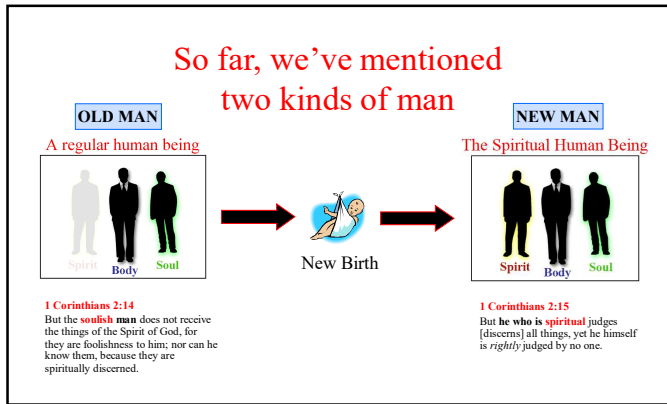
God leads

## Born again Christian



## Romans 13:8-10

- 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.
- 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.



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As we begin to walk,  
we come to an unexpected  
and discouraging realization!

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**There is a third kind of man!**

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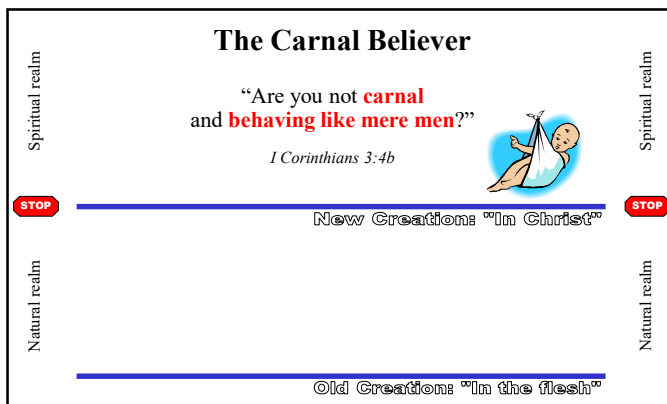
**The Carnal Believer**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-4:**

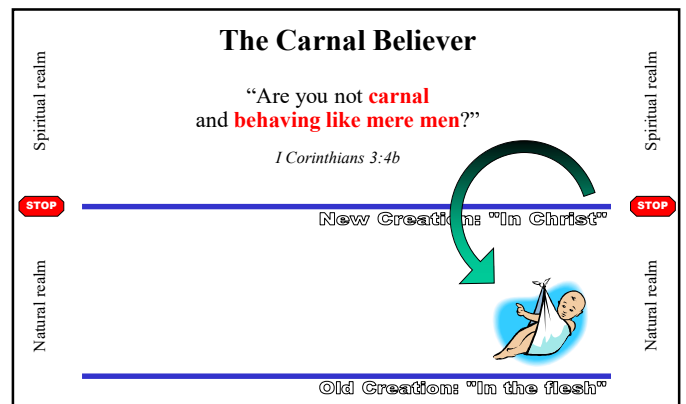
<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual people** but as to **carnal**, as to **babes in Christ**.

<sup>2</sup> I fed you with **milk** and not with **solid food**; for until now **you were not able to receive it**, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3a</sup> **for you are still carnal**... For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not **carnal** and **behaving like mere men**?

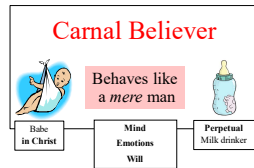
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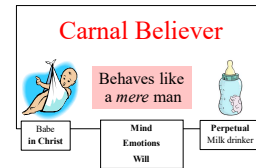


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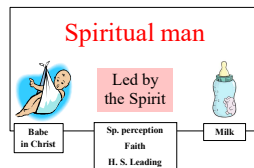
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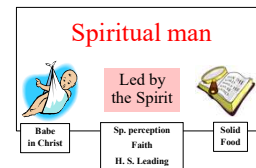
Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

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*and He died for all, that those who live **should live no longer for themselves, but for Him** who died for them and rose again.*

2 Corinthians 5:15

## The issue at hand

- None of what we have been learning will make sense or bring change unless we put it into practice.
- The new person must get into action!

## The Path to Follow

## Romans 6:6

<sup>6</sup> **knowing this**, that **our old man was crucified with Him**,

that (1) the body of sin **might be done away with**,

that (2) we should **no longer be slaves of sin**.

<sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been **freed from sin**.

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**Know this and never forget it:** Your old man was crucified together with Christ. You don't have to be a slave of sin anymore!

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## Romans 6:11

<sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, **reckon [consider] yourselves** to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God!

Old Man

New Man

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## Romans 6:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

<sup>13</sup> And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God**.

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## Acts 1:4, 8

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with them, **He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait** for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, "you have heard from Me."

<sup>8</sup> **"But you shall receive power** when **the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Do not move without the Holy Spirit's power and direction

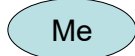
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## Learning to walk...

1. In my relationship with God



Independent



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Yes!



Totally  
Dependent

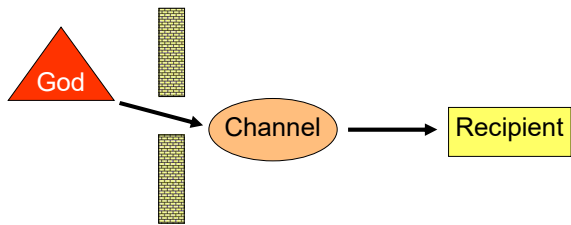


**Worship and holiness** are intimately related to this kind of relationship!

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### Learning to walk...

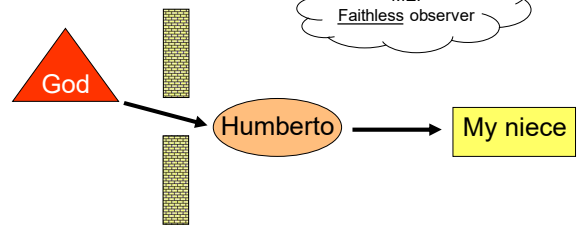
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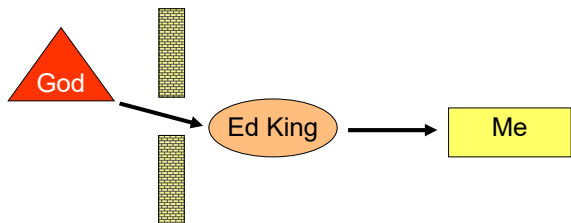
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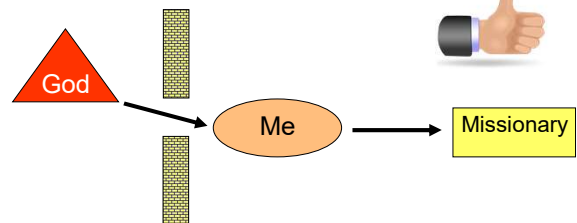
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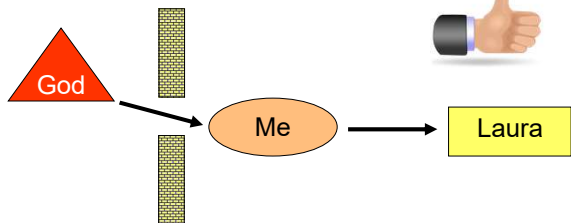
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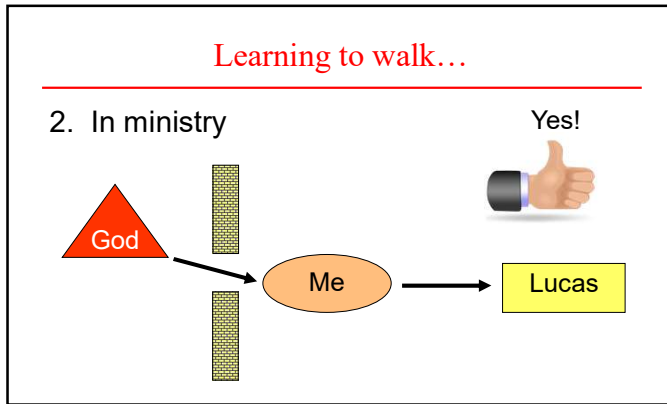


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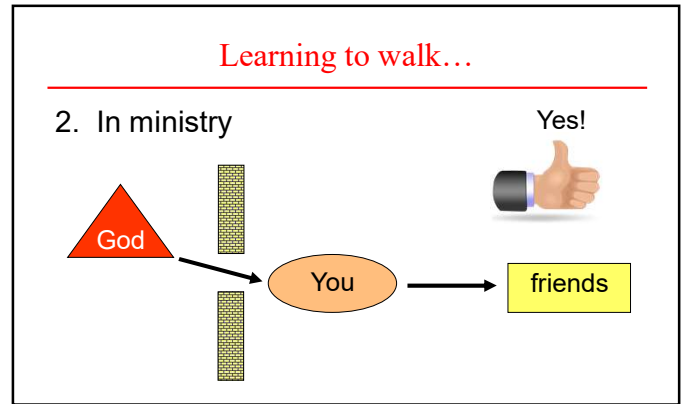
### This can be applied to...

- Healing
- Evangelism
- Counseling
- Providing material help
- Worship leading
- Anything else!

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**Life in the Spirit**

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- **“Life in the Spirit”** is a kind of life that happens **at a spiritual level**
  - a level that **regular human beings cannot** perceive or understand with their natural abilities.
- **“Life in the Spirit”** is a kind of life that happens **in a spiritual realm**
  - a realm that **regular human beings are not capable** of reaching, entering or seeing.

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**Life in the Spirit**

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- **“Life in the Spirit”** is the kind of life that can only be lived by those who have been **born of the Spirit**
  - i.e., those **regular human beings** who, as a result of a second [new] birth, have the **capacity** to be and function like **spiritual human beings**.

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**Which will you be?**

**THE OLD MAN**

*A regular human being*

**Mind**  
**Emotions**  
**Will**

**Carnal Believer**

Behaves like a mere man

Babe in Christ      Perpetual Milk drinker

**THE NEW MAN**

*The Spiritual Human Being*

**Sp. perception**  
**Faith**  
**H.S. leading**

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