



Session 3 Joy and Triumph the Holy Spirit Brings, Romans 5

I. Faith that Triumphs in Trouble

- A. The past few months Sue Burdullis has been teaching Psalms 100 and 103. Psalm 100 is a song of thanksgiving and praise for the Lord's faithfulness to His people.
1. In reflecting on God's faithfulness, I ask you to remember a difficult time that God brought you through. Thank God for bringing you through that challenge. Remember that testimony of God's faithfulness and trust Him to lead you through any other challenges that you may face.
 2. "The Art of Abiding" written by Pastor Steve Dittmar
- B. When we experience temporary sufferings, traumas, trials, infirmities, challenges, fears, chaos, afflictions our Father and Jesus invite us to experience the joy & triumph that Holy Spirit brings to our lives. These trials usually don't feel temporary, in fact they seem to last longer than we can bear.
- C. Before I share 5 keys for "Faith That Triumphs in Trouble" let me first talk about this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. God designed our Spirit to lead and our soul to submit to our Spirit; our culture ignores our Spirit and emphasizes our soul. We are blessed to have the Healing Rooms and churches to learn and practice Kingdom culture.
- D. Being filled with the Spirit means that God's Spirit infuses and inspires us, so that our whole person is conformed to God's truth and His intention for us - His destiny and plan for us. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, it is an invitation to venture with God as He imparts His vision to us.
1. The Holy Spirit is the anointing that covers us - it is the Power of the Living Resurrected Jesus Christ in us!
 2. The Holy Spirit is the One who has the power to act on the Word of God. God's love is expressed to us in His Word and by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.
 3. The Holy Spirit is here to comfort us when we have a wounded Spirit and to journey with us to our healing.
- E. Questions:
1. What do you need God to be for you now?
 2. What are you trusting God for?
 3. What would your facial expression be if you saw the answer, the victory, the completion?
 4. How would you walk, talk and live if you knew the solution? If the trial was finished?
 - a. The truth is that it is finished. Jesus sees it as finished and He wants you to see His finished work. ... to see yourself overcoming obstacles.
 - b. Going through trials transforms you into the image of Jesus. You grow, you mature, and you become like Christ. You can develop unity with God and with each other. You can walk in newness of life learning to be alive in God, declaring who you are in Jesus. This process of growing and stretching is painful at times.

II. Five Keys for Developing Faith that Triumphs in Trouble

Allow these keys to be your first response to challenges!

- A. Seek first the Kingdom of God.
 - 1. Deliberately lean into God.
 - 2. Quiet yourself.
 - 3. Become intimately acquainted with God’s love.
 - 4. Go to the Secret Place.
 - 5. Abide in God’s presence and enjoy His love for you.
 - 6. Embrace Jesus and fully engage in this battle.
 - 7. Meditate on the Word and allow the Word to get you deeply rooted in Him.
 - 8. Value this time with God. (Examples from King David’s life)

- B. Thank God for this time.
 - 1. Thank Him for Jesus’ sacrifice, His Word, His Holy Spirit, for His faithfulness.
 - 2. Thank Him that you can hear His voice and that He knows the path you should take and will lead you.
 - 3. Thank Him for being all sufficient. In humility and grace be generous with what you have.
 - 4. Keep moving and taking steps of faith.
 - 5. Ask God what He is teaching you. God comforts and speaks to us in dreams. Ask God to give you dreams.

- C. Praise and Worship.
 - 1. We become like the One that we worship.
 - 2. Sing the scriptures and sing in tongues.
 - 3. He deserves the highest praise!
 - 4. Praise Him like the trial is finished and your prayers have been answered.
 - 5. Breakthrough comes in worship.
 - 6. You can hear God’s voice receiving direction and understanding from God during worship.

- D. Pray.
 - 1. Pray the Word. Pray the promises of God.
 - 2. Bless your spirit, soul and body to be in unity with God’s plan and His Word.
 - 3. Pray God’s attributes.
 - For example: Thank You, Lord! You are my provider! You supply all of my needs !
 - I praise Your name Jehovah Shalom; You are my peace!

- E. Ask Holy Spirit to help and then yield to His directions.
 - 1. Surrender to Him. Surrender means to lay our plans aside to see God’s vision and move with the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Step forward in faith & trust in God.

III. Take a Step of Faith

- A. Believe that God will answer your prayers and supply all that you need to go forward in His plan even when you are facing obstacles. As you seek Him daily, God will bring you through every trial, developing the fruit of His Holy Spirit in you.

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces ¹perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- B. The presence of God is here now. The Holy Spirit is joyfully anticipating you partnering with Him.
 - 1. Your adversary wants to steal your joy and for you to stay stuck in your trial and lose hope.
 - 2. Remember that God has more for you.
 - a. He's calling you to leave what you know and rely on and experience more in Him and with Him.
 - b. It can be uncomfortable to walk in faith, but God has given you His Word and His Holy Spirit.
- C. Take a step of faith. I asked you earlier: What do you need God to be for you? What do you need from God?
 - 1. There are scriptures on the table for you to meditate on. As an act of faith I invite you to come to the microphone to declare one of the scriptures from the table or declare what is on your heart.
 - 2. You are welcome to say a prayer, thank God for something, thank Him for His faithfulness, bless your family, your finances, bless your spirit, bless your body and mind, bless your spiritual gifts, bless your future, or declare a scripture in faith.
 - 3. You are welcome to come to the table for communion.
- D. Closing Prayer
Father, I thank you for Your presence! We worship You tonight. I pray that Jesus would transform each of us, as we partner with Holy Spirit in every battle. Remembering that your victory comes by abiding with God and His love. I bless each of you with the courage to move ahead with the Holy Spirit when you encounter trials. I bless you to see God's provision and creativity in answering your prayers. I bless you to stand on the foundation of the Word of God. I bless you with the wisdom and anointing and revelation to take new paths and make new discoveries as you follow Holy Spirit. I bless you with the love and joy of the Lord. Jesus is our victory!