

Journey

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

This series can be adapted and used to teach to a congregation or a small group.

This series contains Message Notes for the teacher and outlines for the student. In the Message Notes some words are in blue; the blue words indicate what content is on the outline. The underlined words in the Message Notes indicate blanks on the outline.

Theme: This series is based on a motorcycle theme. Suggested ideas: motorcycles on stage, motorcycle gear and clothes, temporary tattoos, rock music, etc.

SERIES: JOURNEY
Part 1: Saddle Up

SERIES INTRO

Ride in on a motorcycle.

- How many of you like to ride? Feel the freedom of the open road, feel the wind in your face?
- Many people who bike also enjoy the company of other bikers, taking a journey together.
- Life is like riding. Life is a journey that God wants you to enjoy and a journey that God wants to join you on.

For the next four weeks, we are going to look at this open road adventure with God. We're going to look at how we can live life to the fullest by riding it together with the Holy Spirit. We're going to see how the Holy Spirit gives us the power, or tork, that we need to overcome challenges and to accomplish His plan for our lives.

INTRO

Today we are going to start by looking how we can invite God on this journey of life with us.

Have you ever wanted to know God better, but you didn't know how? Have you ever talked out loud to God and hoped that He would just answer you? Have you ever wondered where God was? When you needed Him, did you ever feel like He was a billion miles away? Have you ever questioned why God allowed certain circumstances to happen to you?

RIDING WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

We can have a closer relationship with God. We can know His presence. We can know His leading.

1. **Recognize the way to approach God is with your heart**

Genesis 1:26a, 27 "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...vs. 27 "So God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

I Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are spirit beings, made in the image of God – He is a spirit being. The way we know God is through our heart, our spirit.

2. Recognize that Jesus is the one that positions us with God

Ephesians 2:4-6

John 3:3

II Corinthians 5:17

We cannot achieve standing with God on our own. Our imperfections could not exist in His holy presence. So God sent Jesus to remove the sin barrier. When we surrender ourselves to His Lordship, we can approach God in position with His Son.

3. Recognize the person of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16, 17

John 16:13

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so that we would have a connection with God on the earth. The Holy Spirit lives on the inside of us, always ready to lead us into a closer relationship with the Lord.

SADDLE UP

We won't know the joy of riding until we do something by getting on the bike. We won't know life to the fullest until we act on what the Lord is showing us to do to know Him more.

1. Search your heart

Romans 10:9,10

2. Bow your knee

Philippians 2:9-11

3. Receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38,39

Acts 4:31

SERIES: JOURNEY
Part 2: Full Throttle

INTRO: Live life to the Fullest. God has a life in mind for us that is filled with His presence and filled with His power. God is ready to give us all that He is and all that He has. Its up to us how much of God that we want in our lives.

Motorcycles – Full throttle. Give it all you’ve got. Open it up. God has given you all He’s got – it’s available whether you realize it or not. God wants you to give Him all you’ve got – to open up your heart to receive from Him.

Isaiah 43:7 “Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

Most people do not know God for who He is; therefore, they don’t know what God wants for them. If you don’t know what God has available for you, how are you going to receive it?

POWER TO SET YOU FREE

1. God is powerful

Psalm 62:11 “God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.”

2. God gave power to Jesus

Look at the life of Christ. Where did His power come from? How did He heal the sick, raise the dead, feed the 5,000?

John 5:19 “Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Jesus performed miracles because the Holy Spirit was on His life. When did that happen?

Luke 3:21, 22 “When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. (22) 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.’”

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. Then in chapter 4 He spent 40 days separated from people and in the presence of God. At the end of that time, he

was tempted and overcame the temptations. Then Jesus returns to the people and goes into the temple.

Luke 4:14 “Then Jesus returned in the power of the spirit to Galilee...”

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; (19) to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Jesus did not do any miracles until He received the Holy Spirit. He was the Son of God, but He lived on the earth as a man. He had miracles in His life, not just because He was God’s Son, but because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

3. Apart from God we are powerless

We were separated from God. God is our life. God is our glory. God is our power.

Isaiah 59:1,2 “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. (2) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you...”

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

4. God wants to give you His power

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also’ and greater works than these he will do, because I go the My Father.”

Jesus healed the sick. Jesus raised the dead. Jesus feed the multitudes. Jesus cast out devils.

You can do these things and greater.

Mark 16:17, 18 “And these signs shall follow those who believe; in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; (18) they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

How can you do these things?

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S POWER

1. Surrender to God and [receive His love.](#)

I want all God has for me. If I know it's God, I want it. If He says I can experience His power, I want it.

2. Surrender to Jesus Christ and [receive His salvation](#)

The only way to God is through His Son. He paid the price for sin. When you receive Him, you are positioned in relationship with God and the Holy Spirit will come into your heart.

3. Surrender to the Holy Spirit and [receive His power](#)

Not only can we receive the presence of God's Spirit, we can receive the power of God's Spirit – for ourselves and to share with others.

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying to all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Acts 1:4, 5 "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; (5) for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 "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."

SERIES: JOURNEY
Part 3: High Performance

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Motorcycles – High Performance. You want to get the most from your bike that you can. You customize it. You tweak it - so that you can get high performance.

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE HIS BEST

God wants us to live our life to the fullest. When we're done here, we don't want to stand before God and say, "I couldn't done that?" "That was for me?" We don't want to stand before God and say that we didn't do what He wanted us to do or have what He wanted us to have or be what He wanted us to be. God can do the impossible. What is impossible with man is possible with God.

[“ With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26](#)

God has given us something that helps us to live our life to the fullest. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives it to us. It is God's power, or what we call God's anointing. We also call it the glory of God.

God isn't far away from us. The opposite is true. The Holy Spirit resides on the inside of us – can't get much closer than that. God wants us to experience His power. God wants us to have His best. Think about the Garden of Eden – how wonderful it was. God wanted us to have His best. Think about Heaven – how incredible it promises to be. Why wouldn't we think that God wants us to know His glory now – on the earth?

Because we aren't perfect, we could feel that we don't deserve God's best.

A sin consciousness will keep us from living life to the fullest.

1. SHAME

Shame is the feeling of not having enough value or worth.

You don't go for God's best because you don't feel that you are worthy of it. You hide who you really are. You keep at a distance from God and people. Your heart is guarded, not wanting people to get to close so as to catch a glimpse of the real you.

2. GUILT

Guilt is the feeling that you deserve punishment.

You don't go for God's best because you don't feel that you deserve it. They feel they have to work for what they get from God. They are performance based people.

3. FEAR

Fear is the feeling that you can't let go of control or someone might hurt you.

You don't go for God's best because you don't trust God or others. You are afraid that if they give you something, they'll take it right back or take even more away from you. They are afraid that they will be used or manipulated.

God Has Given Us His Best

God wants us to live life to the fullest. He isn't holding back His best from us.

1. Because He is love.
2. Because He is compassionate. We are His children and He knows our weaknesses.
3. Because He is gracious. He is generous and giving. He is our source of life. He is our more than enough.

GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS ANOINTING

God has given us life.

God has given us the benefits of life. Psalm 103:1-3

God has given us salvation through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:10

God has give us His Holy Spirit.

1. The anointing is the tangible power of God.

Mark 4:24-34 woman with the issue of blood touched Him.

Luke 6:17-19 people were pressing in to touch Him, because power was coming out of Him and everyone was being healed. Tangible power.

Luke 5:17 the power was present to heal. The power wasn't always present.

2. The anointing is administered by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:38 the power Jesus had was from the Holy Spirit, not Himself.

Acts 1:4-5 wait for it.

3. The anointing is within you

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now lives in you. Romans 8:11

I John 2:27 – different version

II Corinthians 4:7 but we have this treasure in earthen vessels.

4. [The anointing is transferred through our hands.](#)

For healing

[Luke 4:40](#) sick – Jesus laid hands and healed them all

[Luke 13:13](#) Jesus He laid hands on the woman who was bent over

[Mark 16:18](#)

Hebrews 6:2

For the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:18 Simeon saw it was through the laying on of hands

Acts 9:17 God had to send Ananias to touch Saul.

For ministry

I Timothy 4:14 anointing to minister through laying on hands II Tim. 1:6

Acts 6:6 for ministry

For blessing

Matthew 19:14-16 Jesus laid hands on children to bless them

HOW TO RECEIVE THE ANOINTING

1. [Believe](#)

Mark 6:5-6 Jesus could not do many miracles there. The anointing was not present because the hearts of the people were in unbelief and self-sufficiency.

Romans 8:32 if He gave us His Son, His Son, will He not freely give us all things?

Believe if we are going to live life to the fullest.

2. [Purify](#)

The anointing is received through the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit cannot be where sin is. Holy.

Don't grieve the Holy Spirit.

Cleanse ourselves if we are going to live life to the fullest.

3. [Yield](#)

Sometimes there is an area of our lives that we hold back from God, afraid of exposing us, afraid of making us pay for our experiences, afraid of not being good enough.

God wants every area of our lives.

Open our hearts and surrender to Him if we are going to live life to the fullest.

4. [Obey](#)

Are you doing all that God has told you to do?

You have to obey Him if you are going to live life to the fullest.

SERIES: JOURNEY
Part 4: Born to Be Wild

INTRO:

Think about the life that Christ had on the earth. What are some of the things that Jesus did? Don't just think of these things as something that happened in a book. Think about these things as if they happened in Charlotte today.

- He walked up to a funeral procession and raised the boy in the casket up from the dead. That's wild.
- He went up to a grave and told them to remove the stone, then said Lazarus, come forth. And after four days, Lazarus came back from the dead. That's wild.
- He went to pray for a young girl, but she had already died. He raised her from the dead. That's wild.
- He spit on the ground and made clay, then took the clay and put it on a blind man's eyes and he was healed. That's wild.
- He walked into a church service, turned to Isaiah and read about the promised Messiah coming as an anointed one to preach, heal, restore, set free...then said today this is fulfilled. Luke 4 Wild.
- He touched a leper with a deadly contagious disease and healed him. Wild.
- He spoke to the weather and the storm stopped. Wild.
- He took a boy's lunch and fed over 5,000 people. That's wild.
- He cast demons out of people. Wild.
- He got money out of a fish and paid taxes. Wild
- When the Jews came together for the feast of tabernacles in Jerusalem, part of their ceremony included priests walking water to the temple from the pool of Siloam in a golden pitcher and people quoted Isaiah 12:3 which says, "Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." Jesus gets up, with a LOUD voice it says, and shouts, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to ME and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." Wild.

WILD – what do we mean?: Not the ordinary. Crazy miraculous. Unrestrained zeal, passion, intensity.

[John 14:12](#) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Jesus was training His disciples and followers.

Jesus walked on water. Jesus said to Peter, "Come." Do the same. Matthew 14
Take a walk on the wild side.

Matthew 10:1,8 The twelve – cast out devils, heal the sick, raise the dead
Luke 10:1 The seventy - sent them out. Heal the sick.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR WILD CHRISTIANS

Luke 4:18-19 what was Jesus ministry all about?

1. Represent the Father

Teacher the truth about God – His love.
II Corinthians 5:20-21

2. Save the lost

The only shot people have to choose life or death is on this planet.
Luke 19:10

3. Deliver the bound

God wants people free from anything that controls them and brings them pain.
Sin, addiction, abuse, manipulation, depression, poverty, lack, etc.
Acts 26:18

4. Heal the sick

God doesn't want people to be sick. He wants to use you to heal them. He needs you.
Acts 9:10-15

GET GEARED UP

1. God has given us His authority

He has delegated authority to us. We have the power of attorney.
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:17-18 in My name
Acts 3:6-8 in the name...

2. God has given us His power

He has given us the Holy Spirit – the Spirit that created the worlds, the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead – He lives in you!
Acts 1:8

3. God has given us His Word

The rightness of truth. Truth that sets people free.
John 8:31, 32
Romans 10:17 hear the word, then you know what to believe

4. God has given us His love

Romans 5:5
II Corinthians 5:14 the love of Christ compels us – leaves no option.
His love compels us. Our motivation. Our passion. Our fuel. Our drive.