



# WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVES

## Understanding the Spirit Through the Ages

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*2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

### NOTES

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

The difference between walking with God’s Spirit and simply moving about your day in your own way is like the difference between **hiking on top of a map of a mountain versus hiking the actual mountain itself.**



Breakthrough comes as we grow in our experience of God's Spirit alive in our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

## **Our hiking supplies:**

**God's Spirit EMPOWERS us with his nourishment** – protein bar and water.  
“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.” John 6:63

**God's Spirit SANCTIFIES us by his healing mercy to make us new** – first aid kit.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

**God's Spirit UNIFIES us together as one people** – badge.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6

**God's Spirit REVEALS God's will to us** - Swiss army knife and magnifying glass.

“It was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.” 1 Corinthians 2:10

**God's Spirit SPEAKS to us** – radio.

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26

## **5 vistas that show the heart and character of who the Holy Spirit is:**



“The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”  
Genesis 1:2

- What in your life right now feels void, formless, chaotic?
- Would you believe God desires to do the same in you that he did with the creation of the world?
- To move in you and to bring God’s heart to yours

The Holy Spirit is essential to life, and has been active and on the move since the very beginning of time and across the ages.

### **Vista Point 1: God’s Spirit is God’s PRESENCE with us.**

The key difference between Christianity and every other religion, philosophy, and worldview is: ‘God with us.’

**Joseph**, who is described as having a ‘divine spirit’, which explains his unique ability to interpret Pharaoh’s dreams - Genesis 41:38

The craftsman, **Bezalel**, who was called to work on the tabernacle, was described as being filled with the Spirit of God - Exodus 31:3

**Moses** had the Spirit upon him to lead God’s people - Numbers 11:17

**The seventy elders** who were appointed to help Moses lead Israel received the Spirit - Numbers 11:25–26

**Caleb**, one of only 2 spies who trusted God to enter into the promised land, had a ‘different spirit’ - Numbers 14:24

**Daniel** had a reputation as a man with an ‘extraordinary spirit’ - Daniel 5:11



**King David** received the Spirit of the Lord to lead God's people - 1 Samuel 16:13

**Jesus** perfectly embodied God's Spirit - Luke 1:35

"God, awaken my soul to your presence."

### **Vista Point 2: God's Spirit is TRUTH.**

Jesus said in John 16:13, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."

The cultural winds of our day swirl in every direction and they all seem to have a claim on the truth.

The underlying caution that Jesus presents to us in John 16 is: ***from whom do you receive your truth?***

### **Vista Point 3: God's Spirit is LIFE.**

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths." Psalm 24:1-2

God gave life to humans in a unique way, literally filling their lungs with his life-giving breath.

The 4 consonants that make up God's name (YAHWEH) are the Hebrew letters Yod, Heh, Vav, Heh, which are known as breath consonants and resemble the very act of breathing in and out.



We receive the Holy Spirit only by placing our trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. When we do, God's life-giving, life-sustaining Spirit will lead us into eternity.

#### **Vista Point 4: God's Spirit is POWER.**

"With my great strength and powerful arm I made the earth and all its people and every animal. I can give these things of mine to anyone I choose." Jeremiah 27:5

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment." Proverbs 9:10

We ought to fear--which means 'to show awe and reverence of'--the one in whom ALL power resides.

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 1:19-20

The actual Creator of the universe himself wants to give you his power.

#### **Vista Point 5: God's Spirit is FREEDOM.**

God wants to free your heart, soul, mind, and strength from sin to freely love him and love others as you love yourself in the same way.

Do you feel stuck? Do you feel in bondage today?

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1



You are free because God is a free God who wants a free and unobstructed relationship with you.

We walk on this life trail by embodying the characteristics of God's Spirit in us.

**RECEIVE** Him today.

He is the very essence of the living God himself, and we receive the Spirit alive in our lives when we place our trust in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**REFRESH** yourself today.

Sometimes we drift, forget, miss the mark or even lose our way on the trail. The Father of Lies is quick to shame and condemn, but Christ forgives us.

Invite his Spirit to help you up, dust you off, and get you back on the journey. He will provide all that you need.

