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- The earth's core
- An earthquake makes us think
- The same is true with spiritual life

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God's special work in us

- The spiritual life force is the Holy Spirit
- He is a force but personal
- When we are consciously aware of His presence and purpose, we can go along with Him.
- Something greater (1 Cor 13)

"But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way" (1 Cor 12:31).

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Focusing on the heart issues

- The Holy Spirit's deeper drive to make us holy is this life's greater purpose.
- Thus, the Life Core
- He seeks to have us be holy:
 - In our behavior
 - In our decisions

The Holy Spirit's Ways

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come" (John 16:13).

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Understanding the Holy Spirit

- Problem: Know about Holy Spirit without being affected by Him
- The wind can blow without us being aware
- The Spirit is often prompting us without us being aware

Living counter to the Holy Spirit is disobedience.

King Saul is a sad example of a disobedient person, often forgetting his lessons.

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Two general responses to God



Two models: The Holy Spirit's interaction with a believer

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Clarity helps

- When we see the Spirit working, we humble our hearts welcoming His work, purpose, faith, behavior, etc.

"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:1-2).

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Our Lessons

- Many believers are ignorant of the Holy Spirit's purpose in them and thus are oblivious or suspicious of His work.
- When the believer is unwilling to respond to the Holy Spirit's work, a spiritual hardness and unresponsiveness develops.
- When we clarify how God accomplishes His sanctifying purposes through the Holy Spirit, we receive a larger perspective of our spiritual lives, allowing us to understand and embrace Spirit-filled living.

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Application

- ➡ Read the Gospel of John 16:5-15. Write down the things you observe about the Holy Spirit.
- ➡ Think of a recent time when you struggled with the Spirit's prompting to do or not to do something. What was it? How did you respond?

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