



05 JUN 2022 | PS JOACHIM TAN | PENTECOST SUNDAY JOHN 14:15-17, ACTS 1:4-5, ACTS 1:8

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Totally surrender to the Holy Spirit and give their lives over to Him.
2. Live a Spirit-filled life and go where the Spirit leads.

SERMON SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit was promised to us, not to our cell leaders, nor to our pastors alone; but to everyone who believes in Jesus! Therefore, we alone have the responsibility to draw near and build a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a challenge for RiverLifers to live a Spirit-filled life; a life totally surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

SERMON RECAP

It is our personal responsibility to draw near and build a relationship with the Holy Spirit. There are four significant outcomes when you give your life over to the Holy Spirit.

- 1. The Holy Spirit will cause an awakening in your spiritual life.**
 - When the Holy Spirit filled and baptised the early church, it caused such a spiritual awakening among them ([Acts 4:31](#)).
 - Similarly, when we give our lives over to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will cause an awakening in our spiritual lives.
 - Are you feeling spiritually dry or disconnected with God today? Perhaps it is time to offer our lives in total surrender to God and the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The Holy Spirit will cause you to mature and grow spiritually.**
 - There will be no spiritual progress in our lives without the presence, work, and activity of the Holy Spirit.
 - Many want to grow in their spiritual walk with God but ignore the Holy Spirit (and perhaps deem the Holy Spirit as unnecessary or mysterious). However, we cannot grow and mature spiritually, and in the fruit of the Spirit, without the Holy Spirit! ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))
 - The Holy Spirit will build up your prayer life. Here are the 5 ways:
 - The Holy Spirit leads us to pray for what is in the heart of God.
 - The Holy Spirit gives us insights and divine strategies to know how to pray for a situation.
 - The Holy Spirit will provide heavenly revelations and we can pray through those revelations.
 - The Holy Spirit will give you the passion, endurance, and strength to pray.

- The Holy Spirit partners with us in prayer and intercession.

3. The Holy Spirit will guide you in all circumstances.

- The Holy Spirit is our “parakletos” (our helper and guide). When we give our lives fully to the Holy Spirit, He will lead us in all situations and circumstances ([John 14:16](#)).
- The children of God are those who are led by the Holy Spirit ([Romans 8:14](#)). It is in our spiritual DNA to be led by the Holy Spirit!

4. The Holy Spirit will empower you for greater works.

- In [Acts 1:8](#) we see the promise that believers will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us. It is a promise, a certainty that this will happen.
- When we walk and keep in step with the Holy Spirit, we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How did the early church model total surrender to the Holy Spirit? How would it look like for us when we adopt a posture of total surrender to the Holy Spirit?**
[15 mins]

Leader's Notes

When we give our lives over to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will cause an awakening in our spiritual lives. But that requires total surrender on our part.

The early church was totally surrendered to the Holy Spirit – which empowered them to effectively fulfil the Great Commission. To be fully surrendered is to follow (and obey) without hesitation where the Spirit leads. It is to put God first, to put His desires before your own. It is to submit to Him your dreams and desires. You don't move without the Holy Spirit's leading. He comes first.

What total surrender would look like for each of us is different as we have different obstacles to overcome. You can encourage your members to share with the cell how total surrender would look like for them individually.

Transition

The early church walked with the Holy Spirit and moved in His power. It takes time to grow and learn how to live a lifestyle that honours, listens, and obeys the Holy Spirit, but it all starts with total surrender.

- 2. Ps Joachim shared that the Holy Spirit would build up your prayer life in 5 ways (refer to Sermon Recap). What are the issues you face in your prayer life right now that the Holy Spirit can help conquer?** [10 mins]

Leader's Notes

For some of us our prayer life has stalled. We struggle to pray for long periods of time, we run out of things to pray, we use the same prayer repeatedly. Sometimes we don't even feel like praying. Reflect on your prayer life and share with the cell what are the issues you are facing. Then, think about how the Holy Spirit can help you with those issues.



Transition

The Holy Spirit can revive our prayer life when we give over our lives to Him.

- 3. Do you truly believe and yearn for the Holy Spirit to change you and (subsequently) your lifestyle? What changes do you want to see happen in you? [15 mins]**

Leader's Notes

We need to be hungry and desperate for the Holy Spirit to gain His anointing and empowerment. We also need to be discontented if we are living in lukewarmness. That's when transformation begins. When you yearn to see yourself and your life transformed, you naturally yearn for the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. When we begin to verbalise and picture what we want to see happen in our lives, it can spur us to greater hunger and desire for the Holy Spirit.

No transformation happens without the Holy Spirit, and it will not happen overnight. It is a journey that requires patience and perseverance. Take the first step and soldier on. One day you will live victoriously with a Spirit-filled lifestyle.

Closing

Yearn for the Holy Spirit and allow Him to fill you and cause an awakening to happen in your lives.

WORKS

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- For us to be hungry for the Holy Spirit and to fully surrender to Him.
- For us to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us so that we live a Spirit-filled life.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for God's continued protection from the virus.
- Pray for lives and businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic.

3. Russia-Ukraine War

- Pray for a swift end to this war and for the principalities that are influencing this situation to be broken.
- Protection for the people of Ukraine especially those who are believers.

4. Mass Shootings in USA

- Pray for God to comfort the affected families.
- Pray for a change in gun laws in US to facilitate a safer environment in the USA.

5. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

- 1. How to Pray and Change Your World Seminar with David & Greta Peters, 8-9 July.** This seminar is designed to help you grow and mature in their prayer life, especially if you have desire to see how a lifestyle of prayer can change the world around you. David & Greta will teach on Intercession, Prophetic Prayer as well as The Power of Declarations and Praying Scripture. Details: Fri, 8 Jul at 8pm-10pm and Sat, 9 Jul at 9.30am - 12.30pm. Registration is required for this seminar, and you may obtain complimentary tickets via this link: rlc.sg/prayer-seminar.
- 2. Current Sermon Series – In Step with The Spirit. 29 May – 19 June.** Our Father calls us to deep communion and intimacy and to walk as Jesus did – in step with the Spirit. In this series, let's learn to listen to the Lord to know His heart and character, and respond to His leading and nudges.
 - May 29: Hungering for God
 - Jun 05: Pentecost Sunday
 - Jun 12: Hosting God's Presence
 - Jun 19: Hearing God's Voice
- 3. Annual General Meeting 2022. 12 June, 2.30pm, Victory Chapel.** We would like to invite all Leadership Members to attend this year's Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, kindly submit your completed proxy form at the Information Counter on Sundays (by 5 June) or to the church office (by 10 Jun at 2.30pm). Leadership Members may submit questions relevant to AGM via email (agm@riverlife.org.sg) or post (6 Loyang Besar Close, Singapore 509026).
- 4. Discipleship at Home with SuperLife Primary.**
 - *Session 1, 11 June 4pm – 6pm, Victory Chapel. Speakers: Ps. Ben & Ps. Dinah Lee.* Learn why discipleship at home is important, what it means to put God first in our families, and know your role as your children's disciple maker and how you can partner your church in this. Registration: rlc.sg/famd1.
 - *Session 2, 12 June, 9am – 10:30am. Speaker: Amy Loh.* Be equipped with handles on how to put God first, and learn examples on creative Bible reading and influencing your children in God's ways. Registration: rlc.sg/famd2.
- 5. Spiritual Parenting for Young Couples (SPYces). 3-31 July, 1.45pm – 5.00pm.** This course is for parents with adult children who are married or soon-to-be married. This course will help you to walk with your adult children as spiritual parents. Registration: rlc.sg/spyces. For more information, contact Christine Tan at christinetan@riverlife.org.sg.
- 6. Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:
 - *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)

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- *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
7. **F&B Related Ministries Recruitment.** We're looking for RiverLifers who love connecting with new people and enjoy cooking and serving. Team members will serve once a month. For more details Karen Koh (Welcome Lounge) at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg and Jonathan Cho (The Café and Volunteers Corner) at jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg.
 8. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.
 9. **Missions from Home.** In order to find out more information concerning our mission initiatives in the nations and how you can participate, visit our new mission website. (rlc.sg/mfh)
 10. **RiverLife Community Services (RCS).** In 2021, RCS focused on providing relief to families who were badly affected by the pandemic. We believe that in this season, God is calling RCS to build loving families and strong communities. Listed below are opportunities where you can serve or give to RCS:
 - You can serve as a volunteer in one of our programmes to befriend and build relationships with children, youth, mothers and lower-income families. Find out more here: rlc.sg/rcs2022.
 - You can sow by contributing financially too. Your giving will go into initiatives such as grocery distributions and various programmes that will help our beneficiaries build resilience and break free from the poverty cycle. Find out more by writing to RCS at office@rcs.org.sg.
 - RCS is also looking to partner with organizations (donations of essential items – toiletries, wearables, etc). To find out more, write to us at volunteer@rcs.org.sg.
 11. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.
 12. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

13. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
14. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
15. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
16. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

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