



## What about me? Part 7 JESUS & THE SPIRIT



**Acts 10:38** → *And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.*

### 1. TRINITY

- \* Father is the ANOINTER; Jesus is the ANOINTED (Christ) and Holy Spirit is the ANOINTING (Isa 61, Luke 4:18,19).
  - \* Jesus laid down His divine POWER (OMNIPOTENCE, OMNISCIENCE, OMNIPRESENCE), not His divine CHARACTER and modelled ANOINTED MINISTRY (Phil 2:7).
  - \* Jesus is our PATTERN, PRECEDENT & EXAMPLE.
- *How is Jesus our supreme example? What were the consequences of His anointing? How is His ministry a pattern for us to follow?*

### 2. ANOINTED with the HOLY SPIRIT and POWER

- \* Anointed for a PURPOSE (Luke 4:18)
- *Look at the Holy Spirit verbs in Luke 4:1-19. What do they tell us about the Holy Spirit's influence on Jesus? DO those verbs apply to us? In theory or in reality?*

### 3. WENT AROUND

- \* We can so easily become INTROVERTED, INWARD-FOCUSSED, EXCLUSIVE.
  - \* Jesus WENT AROUND ... He practised INFILTRATION, not ISOLATION.
  - \* The Great Commission in Mark 16:15-20 → *Go INTO all the world*
  - \* We will notice a dramatic INCREASE in supernatural manifestations when lost, bound, broken and sick people are PRESENT.
- *Has the church been guilty of not doing this? What are the dangers to us? What should our relationship be with culture? How might we (you!) get better at this?*
- *What do we need to do to see more release of supernatural power? Why is it that they see more in places like Africa and Asia than we do here? What ingredients are we missing?*

### 4. DOING GOOD

- \* The anointing adds His SUPERNATURAL to our NATURAL.
  - \* What qualifies as doing good? Answer: Doing WHAT JESUS DID (Matt 10:7-8, Micah 6:8).
- *Is the anointing only for 'churchy stuff'? How does it relate to your 'earthy life'? Where do you think the anointing kicks in? To what areas of life does it apply / not apply?*
- *What qualifies as doing good? Are we ever guilty of focussing on what pleases us at the expense of what pleases God? What pleases God and how do we know?*

### 5. HEALING ALL

- \* Our position: KEEP praying, CELEBRATE successes, walk in LOVE and GO AFTER IT (1 Cor 13:1, 12, 14:1).

Here are 4 common stances people take to healing

1. 'Steer clear of healing totally, it's a minefield!'
2. Take 'if it be thy will' (almost lottery) approach – some are lucky, some aren't ... I've no idea, so I leave it to God
3. Pretend you've got all answers + blaze away – you just need more faith!
4. Keep praying, celebrate successes, walk in love + go after it

→ *Which of these positions are you? Is your church experience? Would you like it to be? What are the disadvantages / theological errors of each?*

### 6. OPPRESSED by the DEVIL

- \* The anointing of the Holy Spirit on us is the SOLUTION.
- \* Jesus came to set the CAPTIVES FREE and anointed us to DO LIKEWISE.
- \* Jesus saw multitudes 'oppressed of the devil' and had COMPASSION on them ... and they ALL got HEALED.

→ *What does it mean to be 'oppressed by the devil'? Are you? DO you know people who are? What's the solution?*

→ *What's the difference between compassion and sympathy? What fruit do they produce?*

### 7. Because God was WITH HIM

- \* With Him = WALK (Acts 4:13)
- \* 'Paraclete' = COME ALONGSIDE
- \* We see Jesus operating in the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit
- \* We see Jesus RETREATING to SEEK.
- \* We see Jesus going about HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS.

→ *What does it mean to live a life where God is really with you (Not just Heb 13:5 or Matt 28:20)? What set the NT miracle-workers like Peter, Paul, Philip and Stephen apart?*

Remember that we are CARRIERS, containers, vessels

- \* You are not just saved to be a BETTER YOU, but to be a CARRIER OF HIM (Luke 24:49, Eph 3:14-21, 2 Cor 4:7) ... You in the fire and the fire in you ... Clothed with power (Luke 24:49) ... Eph 3:14-21
  - \* We are anointed to OVERFLOW ... BLESSED to be a BLESSING.
  - \* Anointed for a PURPOSE: 1.GO ABOUT, 2.DOING GOOD, 3). HEALING.
- *What does it (could it?) look like to be a carrier? Does His presence and power in you place a demand upon how you live and what you do?*

So, What about Me? We've got WORK TO DO.

→ *Final Q: How would you now answer the Holy Spirit's question to you, What about Me? Pray Eph 3:14-21 over one another.*