

New Sermon Series: Encounters with the Holy Spirit

6/22/25 “For Service,” Numbers 11:10-17, 24-27, MEV

INTRODUCTION ever challenged by working with people?

MAIN IDEA: We need all of the help God will give us to serve Him. What help does He give us? Here are the two main helps.

I. First, God gives us other people to help us. (16)

- A. some are tempted to do it alone
 - 1. out of pride
 - 2. not wanting to work with others...*bad experiences, wrong lessons learned, self-sufficient/independent*
 - 3. part of Christ’s body, each serving a purpose (**Rom. 12:4-5**)...*integration, cooperation, unity*
- B. but the task is too much for us alone...*workload*
 - 1. people’s complaining can wear us down
 - 2. people’s problems can wear us down
 - 3. repeated challenges can wear us down
 - 4. repeated turmoil can wear us down
- C. discouragement can settle in
 - 1. because we’re weary
 - 2. might blame God for making us responsible, for giving us too much
 - 3. might want to quit

NOTE: Moses talked to God about his frustration. He didn’t complain about God to the people. He didn’t keep his frustration to himself.

- D. people we know to be trustworthy
 - 1. because they’ve proven themselves, been tested
 - 2. can give new people opportunities but expect less, give them less responsibility

EX: Not just anyone should be a board member, coordinator, pastor.

NOTE: 70 was a lot more than 1, but still plenty of work for all.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. Second, God gives us His Spirit to help us (17)

NOTE: Moses had Holy Spirit. Those helping Him needed Spirit.

- A. should gather around the altar to receive from God (24)
 - 1. the tabernacle represented His presence
 - 2. there was a drawing closer (**James 4:8**)
 - 3. NT: often hands laid on to receive the Spirit (**Acts 8:17-18/Sorcerer, 9:17/Saul, 19:6/Eph.**)
- B. God gives to all who come forward to serve...*equally*
 - 1. not based on our worthiness
 - 2. based on His goodness
- C. people speak when the Spirit comes on them (25)

Prophesied: to cause to bubble up; to pour forth words abundantly
(*Complete Word Study OT*) **1Sa 10:5–6; Ac 2:4; 10:44–47/Cornelius**

- 1. Holy Spirit does not take us over
- 2. when He comes on us, our soul reacts
- 3. we must receive (can reject, or keep distant)

D. God can place His Spirit on us anywhere (26)

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION:

ALTAR:

Come to the altar to seek the Spirit with speaking in tongues