

New Sermon Series: Encounters with THE Holy Spirit

6/29/25 “For Hearing God,” Ezekiel 2:1-10, MEV

INTRODUCTION Who really wants to hear from God?
us: youth group; later all night to hear; Moses 40 days on mountain
Personal prophecy...

MAIN IDEA: God gives us more of His Spirit to help us better hear Him. Why? For these three reasons.

I. First, for His call on us (1-3)

A. He lifts us up

1. from worship
2. from our fleshly place

B. He enables us to hear God more intimately

1Corinthians 2:11, MEV: For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man which is in him? Likewise, no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God.

C. He helps us understand God’s call on us

1. God’s purpose for us, work He has for us to do
2. He gives it to us personally...*in our spirit; may be confirmed by others, never placed on by others*

ILLUSTRATION: sensed call before but after bofHS, then Aurora

II. Second, for His mission for us (4-7)

A. helping us understand our mission field (3-4)

1. rebellious...*to be obstinate, to disobey (Complete Word Study OT)*
2. willingly sinning in stubborn refusal to obey

Transgressed: to break away (*Strong’s*), sin in revolt

3. impudent...*hard of heart* (4)
4. obstinate... *stubborn (including a sense of violence) in the heart* (4)

B. strengthening us for the work...*greater than we are* (1)

1. greater than our ability to accomplish

2. intimidating because of how many, how strong the opposition, how long it will take

Jude 1:20, MEV: But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith. Pray in the Holy Spirit. [*see also 1Cor. 14:4*]

C. emboldening us...*in the face of hostility, attacks* (6)

1. increasing our faith dramatically—our *trust in God*
2. lessening our fear of other people
3. giving us greater confidence in His message/gospel

ILLUSTRATION:

TRANSITION: We might become corrupted by those to whom we minister. (8)

1Corinthians 15:33, NIV: Bad company corrupts good character.

III. Third, for our obedience to Him (8-10)

A. to digest His word (8)

John 14:26, MEV: But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

1. teaching us, helping us understand & apply Bible
2. reminding us of His word

B. to deepen our fear of the Lord (10)

1. greater understanding of His word increases our fear & awe, sense of His holiness
2. protects us...*motivates us to obey Him*

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION:

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