

(NEW) NORMAL

Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 3

“Hey Siri, when is Lancaster going from red to yellow?” “Hey Alexa, when will Lowes be open tomorrow morning?” Google and the Internet have become the place to go for answers to our questions. We also ask a good friend for their advice. Wouldn't it be great if we had a spiritual equivalent where we could get answers to our questions, guidance, even personal advice? We do! He is the Holy Spirit. Pastor Curt continued the “New Normal” series with a message called “My Best Friend”. As we come out of Coronavirus restrictions Victory Church's prayers is that your “new normal” not merely be characterized by attendance at a church building, but by an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants to be our best friend who is an inner voice communicating with us, our personal wise teacher, our all-knowing personal guide, and best of all - our best friend!

Pastor Curt explained that three daily prayers will position you for a better “new normal”: **1. Holy Spirit show me – my needs, my sin etc. 2. Holy Spirit change me – give Him permission to work. 3. Holy Spirit fill me - I want more of You in my life, produce more fruit, you don't have to figure out on your own.** Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you, it makes me better than me, whom I am on my own.

Discussion Questions

- Do you have a best friend? Who are they? If you don't have a best friend, do you want one?
- The Holy Spirit is our inner voice, teacher, guide, and best friend. As you read or hear this Bible verse would you like this to be true in your life? **“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.” 2 Corinthians 13:14 Message Bible**
- Pastor Curt gave us three daily prayers: Holy Spirit - show me. Holy Spirit - change me. Holy Spirit - fill me. Discuss the following verse and how it applies to us. **Don't grieve God. Don't break His heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for Himself. Don't take such a gift for granted. Ephesians 4:30 Message Bible**
- Pastor Curt said, *“Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you, it makes me better than me (the me who I am without the Holy Spirit)”*. What was he saying?

Prayer Focus

This week, pray using 2 Corinthians 13:14 – “The amazing grace of the Master Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Pray for an intimate and daily friendship with the Holy Spirit.

Next Steps

Invite the Holy Spirit into your daily life and listen for His voice as He teaches and guides you. Take a step forward in your faith, based upon His guidance. Spend time in God's word and pray every day this week.

Leader Tip

Make sure to connect with your group and ask them what their prayer needs are and pray daily for them.