

Title: The Ultimate Collaboration

Text: "And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." (2 Cor. 1:21-22)

Target: What Christ lived by, we must live in.

1. Conceived in the Spirit:

- a. **Initiated by God:** "that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:20)
- b. **Set-Apart by God:** "therefore, the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

2. Affirmed in the Spirit:

- a. **Received the Spirit:** "And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'" (John 1:32)
- b. **Released the Spirit:** "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11)

3. Led by the Spirit:

- a. **Where He went:** "And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." (Luke 4:1)
- b. **What He said:** "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me." (John 12:49-50)
- c. **What He did:** "Truly, Truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." (John 5:19)

4. Ministered in the Spirit:

- a. **Taught:** "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." (Luke 4:18)
- b. **Delivered:** "But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." (Matthew 12:28)
- c. **Miracles:** "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

5. Resurrected by the Spirit: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11)

- a. **Dwells in us:** "dwells in you"
- b. **Gives life to us:** "gives life to your mortal bodies"

6. Empowered by the Spirit: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." (John 14:16-17)

- a. **Exhortation:** "you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49)
- b. **Impartation:** "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (John 20:22)

- c. **Demonstration:** *“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”* (Acts 2:1-4)
- d. **Proclamation:** *“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”* (Acts 1:8)

Takeaway: Jesus never lived independently from the Spirit, and neither can we.