

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for June 12, 2022

Sermon Notes

The Spirit-filled Life at Home, at Work, and at War

Overview of Ephesians 5:21-6:20

For the past several weeks, we've been reminded of our calling: *"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (Ephesians 4:1). This "walk", or lifestyle, is radically different from the world around us, so different that it seems odd to those outside of Christ. Humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with others different from us, gospel unity, and purity, characteristics such as these mark us a God's redeemed people and distinguish us from the godless world we live in.*

The new life that God expects of his new community – the church – is a life of unity and purity. It is a Spirit-filled life that is worthy of our calling and is fitting for our status as God's children. Today we will begin a series of sermons that focuses on two dimensions of the Spirit-filled life. First, we will see what the Spirit-filled life looks like in our homes, in our marriages, in our parenting, and in our work. God's eternal plan and purpose for us is intensely personal and very practical; it comes home with us and goes to work with us. Second, we will also see that this Spirit-filled life entails spiritual warfare. Our earthly walk is opposed by spiritual forces arrayed against us. In this spiritual battle, we can withstand with confidence and stability in the strength of the Lord and the weapons he provides.

All of this is dependent on the command we saw in Ephesians 5:18: *...be filled with the Spirit. The Spirit's filling results in a God-ward orientation to all aspects of life. This Spirit-filled God-ward orientation results in a humble reverence and submission to Christ. This submission to Christ is then seen in the way Christians submit to one another "in the fear of Christ" or out of reverence for Christ. Out of reverence to Christ, we submit to the leadership structures God has ordained. Out of reverence to Christ, those God-ordained leaders love, serve, and sacrifice for those they lead – just as Christ does. And because of our reverence to Christ and our submission to his rule and reign, we face the reality of spiritual warfare. Even here we will see that our King reigns supreme, he has given us the armor and weapons we need, and in the Lord we stand strong in the strength of his might.*

God's eternal purposes: from the heaven's throne room to our living room

God-ordained authority and submission

Christ-like Love and Sacrifice

God-honoring Obedience and Nurture

Christ-centered Work and Reward

God-empowered Provision and Victory

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

As we reviewed our Ephesian study on Sunday, how have you grown in your understanding of God's eternal plan? How consistently aware of that plan would you say you are? Why is awareness of that plan key in living a life aligned with God's will?

According to Scripture, what does a deepening dependence on the Spirit look like? How would you explain "be filled with the Spirit" to someone if they asked? How do we pursue that individually? Corporately?

How is attempting to live a Christian life without intentionally seeking to walk in the Spirit really a failure to *believe* the gospel? Why is this emphasis on being filled with the Spirit so vital before we enter into this next section of Ephesians? How can you prepare to walk through these passages?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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