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Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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DAY #4 GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Inner Witness

As we pause and reflect on how the Holy Spirit continues to teach us through Scriptures and how the work, knowledge and wisdom of God can guide the Spirit-Filled person. We now spend time reflecting on how such Spirit-filled guidance is displayed in our lives.

I focus on Centring on God's Presence

We welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our scripture reading and in every aspect of the day-to-day. Through his presence we expect change. Come Holy Spirit, may we know your presence in these moments we offer you this day.

May we reflect on how you have transformed our lives.

Bearing fruit that benefits the whole body of Christ and witness to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

I pause and pray.

We give thanks that we can seek Jesus by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. Recalling how we have been transformed from the inside out by the inner witness, guidance of the Holy Spirit that leaves us not orphaned but as children of God expressing gifts according to Gods will.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Romans 8.14

I reflect

How do we know we are children of God?

How do we know the Holy Spirit is guiding us?

How do our lives demonstrate the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

I challenge

Early in the week we observed how we can sometimes reflect characteristics of a person we have not met because of the traits passed on intentionally or unintentionally.

Let us ask, how may we reflect the lives of our parents?

We reflect not only in image but often by behaviours.

If we are children of God, image bearers as we were created, then we will reflect somewhat an image, behaviours, of the Father. The Holy Spirit guides us into a life of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If the Holy Spirit is willing to pass these gifts on, then these characteristics must reflect the Father.

Recently I took part in a workshop that was looking at faith formation. We were asked to share an example of where we have seen someone grow in faith. Growth in faith is not always the easiest thing to observe. It's not as if the Christian faith has key performance indicators. However, in the examples that were given, I confidently observed that each indicator of growth reflected somewhat these fruits of the Spirit.

Growing deeper by the indwelling guidance of the Holy Spirit bears fruit that resembles the image or will of the Father – it cannot do otherwise.

How have you changed as you walk in the Spirit?

I listen

As we turn to our scripture passage, are there areas of our lives that are not showing fruit?

Like inheriting the Fathers farm, are we yielding from what he has planted? Or we harvesting a different fruit?

What does the Holy Spirit teach us in how we reflect the Father?

Galatians 5.22-25

the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

I Pray

God who brings truth and life.

We give thanks for the gift of your Spirit, the transformation of our lives by your Spirit within.

We give thanks that such markers exist in your people, that others may too be transformed by the revelation of yourself through the fruit of your gifts.

May we remember that we belong to you. That the gifts you have granted us, belong to you. May you continue to guide us from within, leading us to live in step with your will.

Amen