

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 2: Overcoming the Passive Spirit



Scriptures

- **John 1:45-48, 50-51**

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

“...Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Other Scriptures

- I Corinthians 12
- John 1:32, 48
- I John 2:27
- Matthew 11:12
- John 5:44

Main Points

- The Gospel comes to us from a Hebraic and Jewish context.
- Jesus was operating in the spiritual gifts.
- We need to be open to God operating supernaturally through our lives.
- Jesus has anointed us with His Spirit.
- You have to operate in the anointing that God has given you.
- You’ve got to trust in the anointing that’s on you!
- Believe God for more.
- We have to exercise our faith aggressively.
- We need to break out of having a passive spirit.
- God has more!

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RABBI'S PRAYER FOR MORE

Father God, in Jesus name I repent of not going after the more. I want more of you, and I am not going to let anything hold me back. From this point forward I will not allow the fear of what other people think of me hold me back from you. When I sense your Holy Spirit leading me to do something I will step out in faith and not allow myself to shrink back for fear of looking like a failure. Father I believe that You love me; that you've got more for me, just like you did with Nathanael. And Father God I'm hungry and thirsty for the more. So Father God, please forgive me for quenching your Holy Spirit. I repent and I open my heart up to you now and I ask you Lord Jesus, come inside me in a deeper way. Baptize me with fresh fire. Give me wisdom and revelation to understand that you live inside me and that you want to live your life through me.

Discussion Questions

1. Rabbi cited several examples of New Testament individuals operating in the supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including John the Baptist and Jesus Himself. What does this tell us about our own gifting by God's Spirit today?
2. What is the main reason people hold back from utilizing spiritual gifts in their own life today? Have you been reluctant to operate in the gifts God has given you? Write a little about your heart's response to today's message. How can you move from passivity to actively walking in His Spirit?
3. If you have not taken time, pray the prayer Rabbi prayed that is written out above. Keep this prayer handy and take notes on how Father God begins to change your life through His Spirit.