DISCOVERING THE JEWISH JESUS

The Spirit Is Transforming You for Jesus' Return

Ongoing Work of the Holy Spirit Season 2

Core Message: The Holy Spirit continually ministers God's life to believers, bringing freedom and transforming them into the likeness of Jesus. He awakens a desire to pray for Jesus' return and draws our attention beyond our own immediate concerns. As He opens our spiritual eyes to know the Lord, we grow in Christlike character and fellowship with Him. Our struggle against sin is a call to depend on God's power, persevere in obedience, and trust His ongoing work within us. We can face that struggle with hope, knowing that the Spirit is changing us from glory to glory.

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Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (2 Corinthians 3:17)** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
- **(Revelation 22:17)** "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."
- **(2 Corinthians 3:18)** "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."
- **(John 11:25-26)** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- **(Luke 22:27)** For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.
- **(Daniel 12:3)** Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "The Holy Spirit, by nature, is a _____."
- "He is bringing us into _____."
- "Please come _____ according to Your word."
- "As we _____ Him, we become like Him."
- "The more you become like Jesus, the more you're going to experience _____ with Him."
- "The fact that you're having a fight doesn't mean that God doesn't _____ you."
- "You are His inheritance and treasure, and you are being _____ from glory to glory."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

Reflection Questions:

1. Where are you seeking freedom through circumstances or achievement, and how does 2 Corinthians 3:17 redirect your hope toward the Holy Spirit?

2. What place does praying for Jesus' return have in your life, and what concerns tend to crowd out that desire?

3. Where have you seen the Spirit make you more patient, gentle, or loving? What area of your character still needs to become more like Jesus?

4. When you recognize sin within yourself, how do you respond? What would it look like to depend on God's power and take a concrete step of obedience?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Choose one recurring struggle in your thoughts, speech, or relationships. Each morning this week, ask the Holy Spirit for strength to obey Jesus in that area; each evening, record one opportunity you had to respond differently. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

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Prayer Prompts:

- Thank the Holy Spirit for His ongoing work of freedom and transformation.
- Ask for strength to overcome sin and become more like Jesus.
- Pray with renewed longing, "Jesus, please come now."

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