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RECAP

What was it like this week to express your desire for the powerful movement of the Spirit in your life?

Where did you notice Spirit at work in you and around you?

IDEA 1

When you think about how God sees you and feels about you, what are some of the things that come to mind?

With Holy Spirit, we have all that we need to be all that God desires us to be. And what does he desire us to be? Secure in our Identity.

As a group, spend some time talking about the things that God has said and done that offer us a sense of security about our identity as His beloved sons and daughters.

IDEA 2

The next question is - how do we live into that identity? Relinquish control and surrender to Spirit's leadership. We all struggle in some way with letting go of control.

As a group, talk about the ways that this shows up in your life. As you think about growing in your ability to surrender, how does that thought bring you a sense of peace and comfort?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take some time to pray together.

First start with confession. Confess the things that are difficult for you to surrender.

Next, spend time worshipping. Go back to the discussion you had with Idea 1. Recall the things that you said about what God has said and done to provide security about our identity as his children. Turns these into words of praise and worship.

Next, take a time of quiet together. Ask God to look at each one of you and show you what He sees when He looks at you.

End your time of prayer by reading Romans 8:15-16.

"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

APPLICATION

This week, develop a regular rhythm of surrendering. It could be a simple breath prayer that you whisper throughout the day, or it could be starting your day with this prayer:

Father God, the depth of your wisdom, power and riches are unfathomable. I worship you and am overwhelmed by the price you paid for my freedom. You've moved me from courtroom to the safety of your living room and I can't not payback the grace of your adoption. Forgive me for my attempts to earn the grace and position you have bestowed on me.

Today, again, I surrender my will to yours. I release control and ask you, indwelling Spirit to be my wisdom, power and guide. Father God, uphold me with your righteous hand and protect me from the temptations of the evil one. I surrender and live from your favor and love.

Spirit, fill me. Come on me and work in me. Increase my hunger for righteousness and worship. May your power be manifest in me for your name's sake.