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FOREWORD

This is a timely book. At a time when we appear to have won the old charismatic battle but lost the charismatic war, the Church desperately needs the teaching contained in these pages.

Most Christians believe in the gift of tongues, but very few know how and why they should exercise the gift regularly. Many of us believe the gift of prophecy is still for today, but churches and individuals who exercise a regular and effective prophetic ministry are few and far between. We believe that Jesus can heal people today, but the only real models many believers see are either a formal prayer of intercession or the white-suited celebrity doing all the “magic” from the stage. We desperately need not only to teach but also to equip the Church – to move in the manifest presence of, and minister in, the power of the Holy Spirit.

This book sets out to do just that. Jeannie is not first of all a theologian (although she knows her Bible), or a teacher (although she teaches regularly and effectively at our church and our conferences). She is, most of all, a practitioner. Jeannie has been doing all this stuff for years. That is why this book is above all practical. It is sensible, biblical, warm and down to earth. The gifts of the Spirit are not only explained; we are enabled to begin exercising them.

I have known and served alongside Jeannie Morgan and her husband Ken for nearly thirty years. Jeannie lives out consistently and effectively all that she has written about here, doing so in the context and under the authority of the local church. I and my fellow hosts at the Soul Survivor festivals have a little game. During ministry times we play not “Where’s Wally” but “Where’s Jeannie”! We follow the trail of wonderful devastation in the

crowd to find the little spiritual atomic bomb laying hands on anyone in the way.

We need to be filled by the Spirit and move in the power of the Spirit if we are to effectively evangelise and disciple our nation. We also need the values and practices that we see in scripture. I am not sure what is worse, a dry, boring powerless evangelicalism that knows how to think but has no idea how to feel, or a hyped-up, manipulative, dishonest charismaticism that seems to think that asking questions and thinking are the enemies of the Spirit! We must embrace the radical middle that we find modelled by Jesus and the early Church. We need to be naturally supernatural, remembering that the greatest healing is the forgiveness of sins and the most wonderful miracle is the conversion that leads to salvation. We need to understand the biblical concept of whole body ministry, and the truth that when it comes to the ministry Jesus gave his Church, everyone gets to play – but we need to play nicely, and share the toys!

I pray that *Encounter the Holy Spirit* will prove a useful tool in helping you to move in the gifts and power that are Jesus' charismata (gifts of grace) to you.

Mike Pilavachi
Soul Survivor

WHAT IS THIS BOOK ABOUT?

I am passionate about the Holy Spirit! For many years I have spoken to teens and adults in churches and seminars, encouraging them to get to know Him better. When we are equipped to minister in the freedom He brings, we will know His power to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead!

There are already some excellent books on the person, work and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and these will offer you a good grounding in understanding the theology around the subject. Over the last few years, however, I have become increasingly aware that people are hungry to learn more about being *equipped* in the Holy Spirit's power, and that is why I have written this book. In it, I hope to answer questions such as:

- What gifts has He given me?
- How do I hear what the Holy Spirit is saying?
- How do I take steps to minister to others?

I have purposely made this book as practical and accessible as possible. The following pages are not an academic study, but are written to encourage you to jump into an adventure with God. The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives in you and you have full access to it!

The Holy Spirit wants to use *you*!

Are you ready to start your own adventure?

CHAPTER 1

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GETTING TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT

With the index finger of your right hand, draw an imaginary number six in the air. At the same time, with your right foot draw an imaginary circle in a clockwise direction.

If all goes according to plan, you should discover that almost immediately your foot starts to form a circle in an *anti*-clockwise direction. No matter how much you try, you can't easily make it go in a clockwise direction. Watching someone trying to do it is very amusing. It should be so simple, but if you are the one participating it is actually very difficult. It remains a mystery why your body cannot obey something that your brain is telling it to do.

What has all this to do with the Holy Spirit, you may ask?

Well, we are created holistically – body, mind, soul and spirit. As the above illustration shows, to say that we should understand or achieve everything with our brains is inadequate. Sometimes, we need to accept that things happen in and around us that we can't explain.

God is Spirit. He reveals Himself to us through the Holy Spirit in ways that are not always easily understood. He will sometimes speak or act "Spirit to spirit", or touch our emotions in ways we can't logically explain. He frequently chooses to do things in very different ways to the ways we would choose to do them. This is not so that He can ambush us or shock us, but because He knows what we need better than we know ourselves.

GOD IS THREE-IN-ONE

When we talk about God we are effectively speaking of three persons. He is God the Father, God the Son, who is Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit, who is our Comforter and Guide.

This is the biggest mystery in the universe. Perhaps it will help, for now, to see the Godhead as similar to a married couple: distinct personalities joined together as one. Neither person loses their uniqueness in a marriage, but is linked closely through a love relationship. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all unique, separate and complete – but they are one.

It is a difficult concept to understand and because much of God remains a mystery, we are unlikely to ever fully grasp the workings of the Trinity. If we could, we would be just like God!

THE ATTRACTION OF THE SUPERNATURAL

As human beings we are fascinated by the world of the supernatural. Have you noticed how many movies, books and television programmes have their roots in it? Even tiny children are exposed to the concept that there is a power at work outside of themselves through a steady stream of visual entertainment. The programme *Wonder Pets*, aimed at two-year-olds, is all about little animated animals who possess supernatural powers and who act like superheroes.

From an early age we have all been encouraged to accept that supernatural power is something “make believe”. What begins with the tooth fairy and Santa Claus progresses, as we get older, to darker images of witchcraft and wizardry. We are being fed images and stories that instruct us in the evil side of the supernatural. For some people, the fascination with the darker side is all consuming and they find it too easy to get drawn into an altogether more dangerous world. At the very least, it can make it more difficult for us to be open to the supernatural power of God.

Sometimes it can seem like the devil has claimed the rights to the supernatural world. In films, we are shown stories of characters who are either good or evil. Towards the end, it often seems as if good just about overcomes evil. This gives people the impression that the forces of good are not very powerful, as they only just manage to overcome the forces of evil – as if it could have gone either way right until the end. This may sell films at the box office, but it can seriously affect our thinking when we consider the power of God in relation to evil.

A MOMENT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING

I want to take some time to make sure we have things in perspective.

God is not the equal opposite to Satan!

God is the Almighty. He is supreme and He is sovereign. There is no one and nothing at all like Him on earth or under the earth or above the earth. The power of God is higher and greater than any other power – full stop! It may help you to think of the shape of a triangle. God is at the top and Satan is at the bottom as a fallen angel. His status is equal but opposite to that of a heavenly archangel.

God made all creation and this included the angels. We know from Genesis that everything God made was good. Many theologians believe that Satan was a beautiful angel who God appointed to be in charge of other angels. In these verses from Isaiah chapter 14 he is called the “morning star”, translated from the word “Lucifer”:

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of

the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12–15

At some point during his rule over the other angels, Satan became proud and decided that he wanted the angels to worship *him* instead of God. Some of them did, resulting in them being cast out of heaven by God. These fallen angels are referred to as evil spirits or demons. Other passages you could look up to learn more about this are Ezekiel 28:12–17 and 2 Corinthians 11:14.

In the Bible we can see that the devil (the name most familiar for him in the New Testament) is allowed to pass in and out of God’s presence until the day when he will be utterly banished. This day will be when Jesus finally returns to earth.

The Bible teaches us that the devil is limited in what he can do. In Job 1:6–12 and 2:1–7 it is clear that he has to effectively ask God for permission before doing anything specifically involving God’s people:

The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:12

And in the New Testament:

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.

Luke 22:31

SO BE AT PEACE!

I want to encourage you: in a world where people’s preoccupation with the supernatural binds them to live filled with fear, as

Christians we need have no fear of Satan or his evil spirits. Our God is higher!

Satan hates the name of Jesus, but had no choice but to submit to it by the work of the cross. When Jesus died on the cross, Satan was defeated, but he is yet to be destroyed. This will happen when Jesus finally returns.

This can be illustrated further with the following analogy: at the end of the Second World War, when the Allied forces landed at Normandy in France, everyone knew that this was a good sign that the war was won. It was to be called "D-Day". The enemy knew he was defeated. Key towns and cities were reclaimed and there was some celebration as a result.

However, battles were still being fought here and there, as the enemy had not been completely overthrown. It was not until "VE Day", when the Germans finally admitted defeat, that there was widespread jubilation. The enemy was finally destroyed – the war was over. So it will be when Jesus comes back to earth and Satan is destroyed. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Every knee will bow and every tongue will proclaim that Jesus is Lord. In the meantime, there are still battles to be fought.

THE AMAZING POWER OF GOD

I am intrigued by disaster movies. Not the *War of The Worlds* type, but films about natural disasters – those that involve volcanoes erupting, tornados swirling, tidal waves crashing or earthquakes shaking. In the films, the actors rush around trying to divert or manage this huge release of natural power, but it is impossible! The force of the power and energy is too relentless – it is something beyond the control of man.

I love seeing God's power at work and in many ways it is just like the unstoppable forces described above. I can't understand how it all works – it is beyond my comprehension and control – but I can clearly see the effects of it in people's lives and the world I live in.

God's power can heal. God's power can change lives. God's power started the world. God's power can end it!

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND JESUS

I passionately want to tell you about the Holy Spirit, how you can get to know Him and also how you can be empowered by Him so that He can use you just as He used the disciples to do His work.

We read in the New Testament how Jesus had a ministry of preaching about the kingdom of God and we are told that signs and wonders followed. He promised too that

these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues...

Mark 16:17

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus taught His disciples to do as He did, being empowered by God through the Holy Spirit. Signs and wonders did not happen and will not happen through us without the presence of the Holy Spirit. We could try to perform them in our own strength, but would soon give up as we would be totally unsuccessful! But seeing miraculous signs by the power of the Holy Spirit should and can be a part of our everyday lives in Jesus.

Jesus taught His disciples how to heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead. In this way He demonstrated the good news of eternal life and showed how the world could be saved. God can empower us to do these same works of Jesus – in fact, He wants to. I know this is true because it has been my own experience and the experience of many people I know. The wonderful news today is that He wants to do this through you too. He wants to use you to be a catalyst for healing, deliverance, salvation and even raising people from the dead – all for His

glory. I have not *yet* seen anyone raised from the dead, but I am definitely hoping I will see that too!

There is a story about the wife of the evangelist Smith Wigglesworth, who was apparently very annoyed after she was raised from the dead by her husband – she was very happy where she was and didn't want to come back to earth!

I want to see all that God has available for us, received by us and activated. I am longing to see people not only becoming Christians, but also being healed from their past hurts. I long to see them receive wholeness. I am longing to see the church, the body of Christ, through children's groups, youth groups and adult congregations, be so empowered that people turn to Jesus for healing – either in their own personal prayers or through prayer ministry from other believers – before seeking comfort from other sources to numb their pain.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is God. We have read previously that He is the person and presence of God, part of the Trinity with the Father and the Son. He has a personality and a character, as we will see in the following chapters of this book.

The Holy Spirit is first mentioned at the beginning of the Bible in the events of creation. In Genesis 1:2 we are told:

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:2

We are told that the world was without any form. It was dark and empty. But the Holy Spirit was hovering over the waters. Can you imagine what that must have looked like? I wonder if He made all the water churn up like a tremendous tsunami as He started

to divide the mass of water into oceans, seas, rivers, lakes and waterfalls. It must have been an incredible sight.

The most powerful mass of water I have ever seen was at Niagara Falls. The noise was deafening. It was a breathtaking sight and so powerful that even the river, as it approached the falls, was bubbling and swirling at a tremendous speed. Yes, it was awesome, but nothing compared to what the Holy Spirit was doing at the beginning of creation.

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit is often referred to as the Spirit of God and there are many instances of Him doing incredible things. However, for the purposes of this book we will be looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In just a few pages of the New Testament we encounter the Holy Spirit in many dramatic ways.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. At His baptism, Jesus came up out of the water and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him as a dove. Then He was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert and was tempted by Satan.

Jesus did not need baptism for the forgiveness of sins, since He was perfect and without sin. He asked to be baptized by John in order to identify fully with mankind. Jesus chose to become fully man when He came to earth from heaven. He chose to lay aside His divine attributes, such as being able to be everywhere at the same time and knowing everything about everyone. He opted for being empowered through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's descent upon Him was also a visual aid to everyone present to show that this was no ordinary man, but the Son of God. The whole drama of the occasion was completed when His Father spoke from heaven and affirmed Him as His beloved Son and everyone present could hear how pleased He was with Him.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21–22

So it was the Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus to heal the sick and do many signs and wonders. The Holy Spirit later also raised Jesus from the dead. This same Holy Spirit also came upon the disciples at Pentecost and empowered them to do the works of Jesus. The *same* Holy Spirit wants to empower *us* to do these *same* things.

You may ask, what for? Why does He want us to do the things Jesus did? Because there is a needy world that still needs to be touched by God's power and made aware of His presence, and also because signs and wonders glorify Jesus when people see them happening. Signs and wonders make Jesus become bigger in our eyes. The Bible refers to this as *magnifying* Him. When we know we serve a big, powerful God, it gives us a boldness to speak to unbelievers about the kingdom of God. Being empowered by the Holy Spirit also enables us to remain obedient to the commands of Jesus.

MY STORY

I love the Holy Spirit! I would never have known Jesus without Him and neither would you. This is the story of how I first met the Holy Spirit and realized that someone outside of me was at work.

I didn't know Jesus, but if you had described to me the nature and character of the Holy Spirit I would have recognized who it was that was working. Unfortunately, at that time no one knew what was going on with me, so no one was able to explain!

Some years ago we had a tragedy happen in our family. As

I was answering the front door to our eldest child, unbeknown to me our youngest daughter Joanna had fallen into our small swimming pool at the back of our house and was drowned. As you can imagine, we were completely devastated. At that time neither I nor my husband were Christians. In fact, I was very anti-God because our first child was stillborn and I had blamed God for this (the full story is recounted in my previous book *Let the Healing Begin*, Kingsway, 2007).

After Joanna died, one of the earliest visitors to our house was the local vicar, David Pytches. If I am honest, I really didn't feel very welcoming towards him, but he had come to offer his condolences and leave a Bible with us. I decided to take him into our kitchen rather than making him more comfortable in the lounge. After some conversation and while we were still standing in our kitchen, he asked if he could pray before he left. We agreed to it and as he prayed he asked Jesus to come into the kitchen by the power of the Holy Spirit. "How odd!" I thought. "Surely Jesus is in church and He doesn't come into kitchens!" As David left I thanked him for coming and explained that I thought that as vicars go, he was a nice enough man, but I didn't want anything he had to offer!

WHEN THINGS BEGAN TO CHANGE

After David left us I noticed that every time I went into the kitchen I experienced a warmth that was nothing to do with either the oven or the central heating. It soon became a place in which I wanted to spend time, which was quite unusual for me. I found myself drawn by something that I had no explanation for. I felt safe there.

Added to this, I was also experiencing something strange in the house. It was as if there were two hands suspended in space that were drawing me forward, and if I closed my eyes I could clearly see them. If I had my eyes open I just had this huge impression of something or someone drawing me somewhere

that was safe. I realized that if I mentioned this to anyone they would probably sedate me, thinking that the shock had finally made me flip! If only I could have spoken to a Christian, they would probably have explained that one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to lead us safely into truth – to lead us to Jesus.

My husband and I also were aware that something was happening to us for which we had no language. We seemed to be able to offer peace and comfort to others without really trying. Friends and relatives visited us in great distress and seemed to go away feeling comforted. We were obviously grieving ourselves, but it felt as though in our pain we were being comforted on a whole new level. We couldn't work out how that could be happening. Again, we had no idea that the Holy Spirit is also spoken of in the Bible as the Comforter.

My husband said one day, "I think it's all those Christians down the road at the church. I think they are praying for us and some sort of electricity is being released upon us that is affecting us." I agreed, as there seemed to be no other explanation. Little did we know that a far greater power was at work than electricity!

As I started to arrange the details regarding Joanna's funeral, I began to see pictures in my head. Once I saw a lovely white dress like a wedding dress and knew without a doubt that all those invited to the funeral should come as if they were coming to a wedding: *Joanna's wedding*. I had no idea at that point that in the Bible Jesus is spoken of as the Bridegroom and the church as His bride.

JOANNA'S WEDDING

I needed a dress to wear for Joanna's funeral. There was only one clothes shop near our village that sold ladies' clothes. The main town was ten miles away and I didn't want to make the journey there, so one day as I walked past this little old-fashioned shop I felt the impulse to go in.

I am very short and find it difficult to get clothes that look right on me, so imagine my surprise when I walked over to a rail of dresses and skirts and saw the perfect dress. It was as if a light-cream coloured dress was shouting to me, "This is it!" I picked it up and didn't even try it on. I knew this was my dress for our daughter's funeral.

As I walked outside the shop, dress in hand, another picture came into my head. This time it was a circle of white flowers of a type I had never seen before. They were long and beautiful and the words in my head were that the circle was symbolic of eternity and that the long stems of the flowers were reaching out to others. At that point I had a "knowing" deep inside me that the death of Joanna was going to reach out and enable others to know eternity. I had no idea at this time what this meant, as I had no knowledge of Jesus or the Bible.

I walked into the florist's shop next door to the dress shop and my eyes immediately rested on a bucket containing white flowers exactly like the ones in my picture. I drew the picture I had seen in my head and gave it to the florist, ordering it for display on the top of Joanna's coffin.

The next morning as I woke up, many words were forming in my head. Immediately I wrote down my thoughts about the life of Joanna that I wanted to be read out at her funeral.

Although we were not Christians then, her funeral was beautiful. It was unlike any funeral I or my family and friends had ever been to. The chapel was full of light and packed with people. The Holy Spirit was present, comforting us and others through us. It will stay in my memory as Joanna's wedding day because it was the day we "gave her" to Jesus. Of course, we did then go through a long grieving process, but every step of the way the Holy Spirit did not leave me, leading me lovingly into the arms of Jesus so that I started to get to know Him as my Healer, and later on as my Saviour and my Lord. I started to read the Bible, learning truths from Scripture, and began to go to the local church.

I have to tell you that the picture I was given of the flowers

was fulfilled. Seven people in my family so far have become Christians. Hundreds of others have been affected when they have heard my testimony, opening themselves to the Holy Spirit and receiving healing.

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit leads us into truth, and after Joanna's death this was what was happening to me. He was leading me into the truth *about* Jesus, as well as leading me to the truth that *is* Jesus. Jesus is the truth, saying of Himself, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

I love the passage about the Holy Spirit in Ephesians that says:

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 1:13

Further on it says:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17

We can see that the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom and revelation so that we can know the Father better. Jesus and the Father are one, so we can know them more fully by revelation from the Holy Spirit. This passage is also speaking about being empowered by the Holy Spirit. It continues:

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people...

Ephesians 1:18

This was what was happening to me after our child drowned. The Holy Spirit was enlightening my heart, giving me hope.

The passage continues to its finale:

... and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion...

Ephesians 1:19–21

The incomparably great power from Father God, via the Holy Spirit, that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of the Father, is the same incomparably great power that is available to those who believe! That means you and me, if you believe and confess that Jesus died and rose again for the forgiveness of your sins.

We also see from these verses that we have been *marked* with the Holy Spirit, labelled as with a seal, similar to the hallmark we see on gold or silver. He is a “deposit” guaranteeing what is to come, bringing wisdom and revelation and also this incomparable power.

MORE ROLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you search around in the New Testament you will also discover other attributes and activities of the Holy Spirit. I’ve listed some of them here:

- He comforts (John 14:26, NIV 1984).
- He counsels (John 14:26; 16:7, KJV).
- He is the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13–14).
- He teaches (John 14:26).
- He guides into truth (John 16:13).
- He speaks (John 16:13; Acts 1:2).
- He anoints (Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38).
- He empowers (Acts 2).
- He gives gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1–11).
- He bears fruit (Galatians 5:22).
- He convicts people of sin (John 16:8).
- He delivers (Romans 8:2).
- He sends (Mark 1:12).
- He gives birth (John 3:6, 8).
- He gives life (John 6:63).
- He prophesies (Acts 11:28).
- He intercedes (Romans 8:26).
- He works signs and miracles (Romans 15:19).
- He makes people holy and whole (Romans 15:16).
- He declares (John 16:13–14).
- He hears (John 16:13–14).

He is not confined to this list, of course. He does much, much more, but you do not need to take my word for it. Look for yourself in the Bible and you will discover more truth. We must expect the Holy Spirit to do all of the above and more *for us* and *through us* for others. And for God's glory!

The wonderful thing is that as we get to know the Holy Spirit we can recognize when He is prompting us or speaking to us about something. Everyone will hear differently. For me this sounds the same as my voice, but it is compelling. It feels as if there is a "take notice" dimension to it.

This year and every year at Soul Survivor Festivals, I have seen the Holy Spirit do the things He did in the New Testament, apart from raising the dead. The Holy Spirit has ministered during times of prayer ministry through different kinds of miracles,

salvations, healings, deliverances from evil spirits, prophecy, words of knowledge, discernment of spirits, anointing and the gift of tongues.

And guess what? God used people just like you and me to do all that stuff. He wants everyone who loves Him to partner with Him in all of it!

PRAYER

Jesus, I really want to know the Holy Spirit. Not just what He does, but who He is. I want to invite You, Holy Spirit, to teach me more of Yourself and lead me closer to Jesus. I choose to believe now that You want to use me like You used the first disciples. In the stillness of this place now, please open up my understanding as I surrender myself to You. I receive all that You want to give me, with a thankful heart. Amen.

ACTION

As you read this book, the Holy Spirit wants to speak to you and change your expectations of what He can and will do through you.

What would you like to say to Him now?

Is there anything that you are anxious about?

SCRIPTURES

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me..."

Luke 4:14–18

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:21–22

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

1 Corinthians 6:19

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37–39

Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

John 3:5