

Living Sacrifice

TOP GUN: Maverick shows up the first day to teach his highly skilled class of fighter pilots - and he holds up the manual for the aircraft - asking, **“who has read this?”**



They all raise their hands, and he throws the manual in the trash can.

Maverick says, **“good, your enemy has read it too. It’s time to test your limits to the brink and push yourself.”**

So as pressure or **the g force upon you increases, go beyond what the aircraft manual says you can do.**

- You are called to greater.
- You are called to more.
- You are called to fight.

The Son of God became the Son of Man so sons of man could become Sons of God.

SON OF MAN

Jesus referred to Himself as The Son of Man 80 times.

- Every miracle Jesus did.
- Every person healed.
- Every demon cast out.
- Every resurrection encounter.
- Every life touched.
- Every disciple recruited and grown.
- Every sermon taught.
- Every ministerial moment.
- Every insult received.
- Every tear shed.
- Every betrayal weathered.
- Every temptation withstood.
- Every threat burdened or shouldered.
- Every storm stopped.

WEEDS

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ 28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29 But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

Matthew 13:24-30



ANSWER

Every physical threat evaded.
 Every enemy or hater blessed.
 Every woman at the well moment.
 Every ounce of pain on the cross.

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Matthew 13:36-39

Was done, as a man.

Jesus refers to Himself over and over as The Son of Man - which literally means human, or messiah.

That makes Jesus our role model.
 That makes Jesus our reachable target.
 That makes us containers awaiting His own power.

The gifts are free, but the oil is costly.

Philippians 2:1-11

Christ's Example of Humility

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, **though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.** ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

And again, "I will put my trust in him."
 Hebrews 2:13

James 1:4 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Hebrews 5:8

"It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons." Hebrews 12:7-8

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

OIL

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.” 2 Cor 4:7-11

Handwritten red arrows and the letters 'OIL' in a stylized font.

It's Already In You!

Wearing my Captain America muscle outfit and the PE teacher is standing right there and says, "**You do realize all those muscles are already inside you?**"



All the lights went off in my head. *Whether I choose to work them into development or not, the muscles are there.*

Even if nobody can SEE them, they are still there!

So too are our spiritual giftings!

But are you willing to walk these things out? Are you willing to work these skills into shape? Are you willing to risk some embarrassment working out in the Gym of The Holy Spirit to flex muscle in the Spirit realm?

Two Anointings: Within and Upon

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—
Ephesians 2:4-5

We all have the same within - but we each have different measures of the upon.

Phillip and the Samaritan believers: Acts 8:14-16

“Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet *fallen* on any of them, **but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (within, not upon).**” Ephesians 4:5 “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” Romans 6:3

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. Matthew 25:1-4

SEEKING THE UPON

Baptized with The Holy Spirit and Fire:

If you are seeking a baptism (immersion) in the Holy Spirit **AND** fire, you are really asking Jesus for the Holy Spirit **AND** the eternal fire of judgment (Sheol, Lake of Fire).

I will make this simple. There are four accounts (grouped in pairs) of what John the Baptist said.

Holy Spirit **AND** Fire

1. Matthew 3:1-12

2. Luke 3:1-21

Holy Spirit **ONLY**

3. Mark 1:1-8

4. John 1:19-34

Mixed Audience

Believers

In Matthew 3:1-12 and Luke 3:1-21, where John the Baptist says **YOU** will be baptized with the "The Holy Spirit AND fire" - the text makes

29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. Luke 12:29

31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:31-32

clear the audience here is a mixture of Pharisees, Sadducees, and believers.

In Mark 1:1-8 and John 1:19-34, where John the Baptist says **YOU** will be baptized with "The Holy Spirit"- the text makes clear this is spoken **ONLY** to an audience of believers or followers.

In the Matthew account, John sternly warns the mixed crowd to flee the wrath to come, and John continues on to say, ***"Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*** Matthew 3:10

That kind of fire doesn't sound good to me.

John goes on to say to the mixed crowd, ***"His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*** Matthew 3:12

That kind of fire doesn't sound good to me either.

When John says in Matthew and Luke **YOU** will be baptized in the Holy Spirit and Fire, he is talking to a mixed group. This is an audience mixed with an angry mob and those desiring the kingdom. **YOU** (each person in the group) will **EITHER** be baptized in the Holy Spirit or baptized (immersed) into the fire of eternal damnation.

Now. I'm not saying we don't have experiences with God as fire, heat, or electricity for **GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE**. YES, He desires to consume us. The Lord desires to consume every ounce of our being. Hebrews 12:28-29

And. I'm not saying tongues aren't **AS** fire (acts 2:3).

But. I am saying we should **NOT** seek scripturally that which is talking about damnation for the unbeliever.

In fact. What we SHOULD be seeking is a baptism in the Holy Spirit AND POWER (Acts 1:8; Acts 10:38). 😊😂😄

The More and Christmas

“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor (grace, goodness) of God was upon him.” Luke 2:40

Hey. Jesus grew up, now we need to mature. We must exhort those we minister to into maturity.

Gifts under the tree ...

- Wasted anointings
- Unopened giftings
- Inheritances not received in full
- Gifts tossed out because they need supernatural batteries yet powered by faith

Resurrections: Jairus' daughter immediately after death, a boy during his funeral, and Lazarus who had been dead for four days.

We must mature like Jesus did ...



Luke 2:52 “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”

Luke 4:1 “And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan (water baptism) and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil.”

Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a

report about him went out through all the surrounding country.”

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” Matthew 13:31-32

Process

The riches of Christ, our very inheritance dwells **INSIDE** the believer (Ephesians 1:18, 2:7; 3:8). Paul says that these riches of Christ are so incredibly vast that they are **UNSEARCHABLE**, and I believe with all my heart we as co heirs shall soon see the skies booming with the noise of the coming King.

SELPIC

Peter and John Had the Upon 3 Times:

Within occurred in the locked room - John 20:22

1. "And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." Luke 9:1-2
2. At **Pentecost - Acts Ch2**
3. "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." **Acts 4:31**

SPEEDBOAT VERSUS SAILBOAT (water bottle)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled (pleroo) with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18 **command, passive, present tense**

Water bottles do not move!!

You are a sailboat. Not a motor boat. You are constantly being filled. You move with the wind. You pour out and fill back up.

"For he (Jesus) whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he (Jesus) **gives the Spirit without measure.**" John 3:34

STAY HUNGRY!!

Grain of Sand

Pluto - 2006 dwarf planet, gods
John 10:31-38

PreKindergarten Report Card

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

READING READINESS	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Identifies rhyming words				
Identifies uppercase and lowercase letters				
Identifies sounds of all consonants				
Identifies sounds of short vowels				
Listens for sounds at the beginning of words				
Names the following letters:	Identifies the sounds of the following letters:			
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg	Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg			
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn	Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn			
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu	Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu			
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz	Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz			
MATH CONCEPTS	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Counts by rote to (#)				
Counts objects to (#)				
Demonstrates ordinal words				
Matches objects one-to-one				
Makes equal sets				
Makes sets with objects to (#)				
Classifies objects				
Creates patterns				
Matches numerals to sets				
Shapes:	Recognizes numerals:			
Recognizes: ● ■ ■■ ▲	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			
Names: ● ■ ■■ ▲	Identifies colors:			
Reproduces: ● ■ ■■ ▲	red yellow blue brown orange green purple pink black white			

FINE MOTOR SKILLS	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Traces lines accurately				
Uses pencil with control				
Correctly writes first name				
Can use scissors accurately				
ART / MUSIC / P.E.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Participates in musical activities				
Participates in art activities				
Participates in P.E. activities				
BIBLE	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Bible reading daily				
Memorizes Bible verses				
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Listens while others speak				
Follows directions				
Works well independently				
Puts forth best effort				
Attentive				
Completes work within reasonable time				
Cleans up after work/play				
Obeys rules				
Keeps hands to self				
Is quiet when necessary				
Cares for materials				
Shares				
Respects others				
Accepts correction cheerfully				
Has a positive attitude				
Displays self-control				
Displays self-confidence				
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A Living Sacrifice (Romans Chapter 12)

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your ***bodies as a living sacrifice***, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.^[b] 2 Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be ***transformed by the renewal of your mind***, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.^[d]

Gifts of Grace

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, ***each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned***. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members,^[e] and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one

who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian (Romans 12:9-21)

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- Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
- Love one another with brotherly affection.
- Outdo one another in showing honor.
- Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
- Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*
- Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
- Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
- Never be wise in your own sight. *“Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.” Proverbs 3:7*
- Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”
- To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”
- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Most times
Some times

Not yet
Not introduced

The mission

“To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the *riches* of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ *in* you, the hope (elpis - expectation) of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” Colossians 1:27-28

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