

Bay City Wesleyan Church
May 27, 2018

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Sunday Morning 05-27-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

SERIES REVIEW

Week One: We need the Holy Spirit to work in us, so we can experience the blessings of God's kingdom here and now. So, we prayed, "Draw us close, Holy Spirit. Captivate us. Set our eyes on our King Jesus. Overwhelm us with your presence."

Week Two: The Spirit in you is better than Jesus beside you. So, we prayed, "Whatever it takes, Jesus, fill me with the Father's measureless love by the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in me."

Week Three: Holy Spirit plans on doing great, loving, wonderful things for, in, and through you. So, we prayed, "Come on, Holy Spirit. Let's do life together."

Luke 4:1-21 NIV

<small>1</small> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <small>2</small> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <small>3</small> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <small>4</small> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.' " <small>5</small> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <small>6</small> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <small>7</small> If you worship me, it will all be yours." <small>8</small> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' " <small>9</small> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <small>10</small> For it is written: " 'He will command

his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11</small> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' " 12</small> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 13</small> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. 14</small> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15</small> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16</small> 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, 17</small> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18</small> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19</small> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20</small> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21</small> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
<https://bible.com/bible/111/luk.4.1-21.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

To win like Jesus, you must fight like Jesus.

Jesus's Battle Plan

Be filled by the Spirit

Solitude, Prayer and Fasting

Know what God says (Bible)

Stick to God's mission for you (the ends do not justify the means)

Acts 10:38 NIV

38</small> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/act.10.38.NIV>

How to Spend at Least 7 Minutes Alone with Jesus Regularly

Start with a simple prayer for God's guidance as you read your Bible. (About 30 seconds)

Take time to read enough of your Bible to develop a complete thought. (About 4 minutes)

Round off your time alone with Jesus with prayer - simply talk to him. (About 3.5 minutes)

Holy Spirit, make me stronger with all your power, so I will have all the endurance and patience I need. Help me to fight like Jesus. Amen.

