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Introduction

This book, "FOLLOW JESUS, Part 2," is a continuation of the first book "FOLLOW JESUS, Part 1." It is important that we understand what is already revealed in Part 1. Yet, for those who do not have a copy of Part 1, some things will be repeated in this book. As you read and study what is revealed in this book, keep in mind, we must mature in Christ Jesus if we are to Follow Jesus. We cannot remain "babes in Christ," and do the works that Jesus and Peter did.

When Jesus called His disciples, many times He said to them "Follow Me." In Matthew 4:18,19 it says, "**And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers....And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"

Did you notice that one of them was Simon Peter. Have you noticed what happened to Peter as he continued to follow Jesus? Did you know that if you will "Follow Jesus," the same things can happen in your life?

God is not a respecter of persons. What the LORD did in Peter's life, He can do in your life also. You can walk with God the same as Peter walked with God. God has a plan for your life. If you will "Follow Jesus," God will fulfill His plan in your life also.

Peter is one of many people who "Followed Jesus." You can be another one in your lifetime. You also can "Follow Jesus." There are no limits when you "Follow Jesus." The supernatural can become the natural for those who "Follow Jesus."

When you "Follow Jesus," Satan has no power over you. All the powers of heaven are working for you when you follow Jesus. You can walk in power when you "Follow Jesus."

Hebrews 13:8 says, "**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**" If we believe the Word of God, and believe Jesus, He will do the same things in our lives as He did in Peter's life.

God has not changed. God will never change. God's Word has not changed. Therefore, if we change and "Follow Jesus," we can also do the same things Jesus did and the same things Peter did. Jesus cannot lie.

Jesus said in John 14:12, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**" Are you ready to "Follow Jesus"?

From Our Spirit

The Holy Spirit dwells in our spirit, which is in our belly. From our spirit, the Holy Spirit brings forth that which is of God. In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** We receive information and understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit from our spirit, not from our mind in our head.

Shortly after I was born again into the family of God, the Holy Spirit started to work in my life from my spirit. There was a young woman in a church who had three teen-age children. She did not have a husband, and had to support herself and her children. She worked long hours, but was always in church on Sundays.

Whenever I had an opportunity to speak in Church I would talk to them about faith. This woman was listening to me when I would talk about faith. One Sunday I had said, “If you really believe, God will answer your prayer.” Another Sunday I had said, “You must be specific when you ask God, and He will answer according to what you pray.”

This woman had a situation where her oldest daughter made a lot of long-distance telephone calls. She had a baby-sitting job, and used the money to pay for the long-distance telephone calls she made. In the month of December, the grand-mother of the child she baby-sat for came to stay for a month. That month she did not earn any money baby-sitting. Yet, she kept on making long-distance telephone calls.

By the beginning of February the telephone bill was so high, that her mother was not able to pay it. They received a warning from the telephone company, that if the bill was not paid by a certain date, the phone would be disconnected.

After hearing what I said about being specific when you pray, she said that on Monday morning she prayed. She asked the LORD to have me loan her the money to pay the bill by Tuesday. When her oldest daughter got up, she said to her, “This morning, before you go to school, call the telephone company and tell them I will be there on Tuesday and will pay the full amount of the bill.” She said, her daughter asked her, “Where are you going to get the money?” She said, “I prayed this morning and the LORD is going to have Merle loan me the money.” Her daughter asked her, “Did you ask Merle”? She said, “No, I asked the LORD to have Merle loan me the money.” Her daughter thought she was a little off in the head, but did what her mother asked her, and called the telephone company that morning.

In the early afternoon the mother called me. She said to me, “Merle, will you loan me some money”? Without thinking, I said “Sure.” (The words came out of my mouth without me even thinking what I was saying). Then I said, “Where are you”? She said she was at work. Then I asked her, “What time do you get off of work”? She said “Five-O'clock.” I said, “Stop by on your way home from work, I will be here until 6:00pm.” After I hung up the telephone thoughts came to my mind, “What if she wants to borrow \$1,000.00? I don't have that much money”! But, immediately, “words came to my mind,” saying “Don't worry, God can handle it”! (It wasn't thoughts but words that came to my mind). The rest of the afternoon I didn't even think about her or the money.

When she came in after 5:00pm, she said to me, “You will loan me the money, won't you”? I said, “Sure I will,” (Without even thinking what I was saying. The words just came out of my mouth). Then she said, “You don't even know how much I need”! (Without thinking, I said), “That's ok.” Then she said to me, “I need \$135.00.” Immediately (Without thinking) I said, “Ok, I have it

right here.” Then she said, “You don't know why I need it.” (Again, without thinking), I said “It don't matter.” Then she told me. Her daughter ran up the telephone bill and it had to be paid. The bill was more than \$135.00 but she only need \$135.00 to add to what she had to pay the bill. Then (Without thinking), I said, how long before you get paid again. She said, “Thursday.” I said, “Then you need some money for milk and groceries before Thursday. I will give you \$150.00 to help you pay the bill and have some money for food.”

In Philippians 2:13 it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”** God works from within us (from our spirit). God works from within us to help us, and use us to help others. God works all things together for our good and the good of others (Rom. 8:28).

The Holy Spirit works on both ends, the one who prays, and the one who responds according to the prayer. When the Holy Spirit is working, everyone is in agreement. The Holy Spirit brings us in agreement with each other by guiding us from our spirit. We say things (Without thinking what we are going to say until we hear ourselves speaking).

The Holy Spirit did for her just as she asked. I did not respond to her request according to my knowledge and thinking. The words came out of my mouth without me thinking about what I was saying. This woman was new at how God works in faith, and so was I. But to the Holy Spirit this is how it has been working from the beginning of time.

The Holy Spirit puts the words in a person's mouth, without having the person think about what they are saying. He gives us peace, in everything He has us do. He is called the Spirit of Peace. All things work together for our good, and there is no question as to if we should do something or not. When thoughts come to our minds opposed to what the Holy Spirit is doing, He cancels them with assurance, that only He can give. It is an inward knowing, that He can take care of any circumstance that should arise.

This is one important thing that Christians need to learn and understand about how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. He does not operate the way the devil operates. He never forces anyone to do anything. But, He gives us peace, way beyond our own understanding. We do things “automatically” without thinking first, then we have peace after we do them. We speak without thinking about what we say before we say it. We hear what we say, and at the same time we do not go against what we said.

God is GOD, and His ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts (Isa. 55:8,9). But, God is always in control of what is happening. It is not us, but it is God working in us to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). Words come out of our mouth, without our knowing what we will say until we have already said it. That is God, not the devil. The devil must get us to think first before we say anything. But God bypasses our thinking and we speak from our spirit, not from our mind when God is in control.

Christians need to be aware of how God works from our spirit, and pay attention to what is happening. When we get use to paying attention to what God is doing from our spirit, we can mature in Christ, to where we are not **“tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness...”** (Eph. 4:14).

By God

In Zechariah 4:6 it was prophesied, **“...This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”**

In prophecy, the LORD sometimes uses “types and shadows” and “symbolic language.” Zerubbabel was the governor of Judea at the time this was spoken by the prophet Zechariah. The name “Zerubbabel” means “a descendant of Babylon—called out of babel.” Babylon was a nation which could have had its beginning at the time of the tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9. The name “Babel” which is a part of the name “Babylon” means “confusion.”

At the time of Zerubbabel (the governor) and Joshua (the high priest) of Judea, the LORD was speaking of the end of the Babylonian captivity. At that time Judea was entering into the Persian captivity. That is when Zerubbabel and Joshua were sent to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. This is what was happening in the natural with the tribe of Judah at that time.

Yet, this is prophetically speaking of the New Testament (New Covenant) that the LORD would make at the time of Jesus. The “LORD” would rebuild the Temple, “not man.” The new temple would become the bodies of individuals who are born again Christians. This rebuilding the Temple of God “would not be” done by people. It “would not be” done by the ability of man. Not by mans power, not by mans might, but by the Holy Spirit.

This New Covenant would not be a work of men, but a work of the LORD. (This is very important for Christians to understand. For many are trying to do the work of the ministry by their own power. This is not the way things are done in the New Covenant). In Psalm 127:1 it says, **“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”** In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said to Peter, **“...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”** What “rock” is Jesus speaking of? Jesus is called “the Rock” a number of times in the Bible. The church will be built upon Jesus Christ, not upon any other. It is the LORD Himself that will build the Church, not people, not denominations, not religious organizations.

The building of the Church will be done by “the LORD” (Joshua—which is translated “Jesus” in the New Testament English—Zechariah 3:8-10) and “the Holy Spirit” (Zechariah 4:6). Whatsoever is done by the will of the flesh, or the will of man will not be acceptable to God. In John 1:13 it says, **“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

The LORD and the Holy Spirit will call people out of the control of Satan into God’s kingdom. He will call people out of Satan’s bondage—out of religious operations by His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God the Father will choose people for Himself in Christ Jesus. He will deliver them from the powers of darkness into the glorious light of His Word. In Colossians 1:13 it says, **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”**

What a wonderful plan God has for those who will believe His Word and follow Jesus. Not by their power, not by their ability but by the Holy Spirit working in them and through them.

Let us look at a few Scripture verses that tell us of this great work of God in the lives of individual people who choose to follow Jesus. In John 1:11,12 it is clear that individual people must

make the choice in order to enter into the family of God and become born again of the Word and the Spirit. It says, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not....But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”** Then it says, **“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”** (John 1:13).

Everyone who is a born again Christian became a child of God by a work of God in their lives. In John 6:14, Jesus said, **“...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** In John 6:44 Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** In John 17:12 Jesus said, **“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”**

Every person who became a Christian came to Jesus because the Father has drawn them to His Son, Jesus Christ. We did not come to Jesus because of our choosing, we came to Jesus because God had chosen us to be His very own. In Ephesians 1:4 it says, **“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”** God has chosen us from the foundation of the world to be His very own.

What God has done in our lives, and is now doing in our lives, is a work of God not of man. In John 15:16, Jesus said, **“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”** It is not our doing, it is God working in us and through us. In Philippians 2:13 it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”**

God has a plan for our lives. His plan was settled from the foundation of the world. He choose us in Christ Jesus before Adam was created. Before the world as we see it now was created, God had already chosen us to be with Him for all eternity.

This is not a work of man in our lives. It is a work of God in our lives from the foundation of the world. He has chosen us and ordained us that we would go forth and bring much fruit into the kingdom of God. It is not for our glory, but for the glory of God in our lives. It is all of God, not of man.

Understanding Spiritual Things

As Christians, we must learn to be led by the Holy Spirit, not by other spirits that operate through the minds of individuals. We could call these spirits “religious spirits,” for they have a type of rules and regulations that they set up (using certain Scripture verses to establish their doctrines and theologies). The spirits of this world operate entirely from the minds of people.

The minds of people are called “psychic” in English. Psychic, means “the operation of the mind, which is a part of the soul of man.” The soul of man is call “psyche” in the English, meaning “the living soul of man,” which is the natural man as man was created in the beginning (Gen. 2:7, 1 Cor 15:45-48).

Man was created a living soul in the beginning. Man was not created a spirit being, but rather a living soul. We become a spirit being when we become born again of the Spirit. Jesus said in John 3:6, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** In 1 Corinthians 15:45-48 it explains that the first man was made a living soul. The second man (which is Jesus Christ) was a life (zoe) giving Spirit. Therefore, Adam was a living soul. Jesus was a living Spirit. Through Adam we received a living soul. Through Jesus we receive a living spirit. In Adam we became “natural man.” In Jesus we become “spiritual man.”

There are two births for mankind. There is first the natural birth in Adam. Then there is a second spiritual birth in Christ Jesus. We must be aware of this for in 1 Corinthians 15:22 it tells us, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** Only those who are born again can enter into heaven. Those who are not born again will spend eternity in hell. Not because God wanted it that way, but because they did not choose the LORD Jesus Christ while they had the opportunity here on earth. God does not condemn anyone to hell. People condemn themselves to hell because they do not receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior (John 3:16-18).

Once we become born again of the Spirit, we must learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. We must learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14). We must learn how the Holy Spirit teaches us (John 6:45, 1 John 2:27).

Living in the spirit is a whole new way of living in this world. The Old Testament people were told about living in the spirit but they could not live in the spirit for the Holy Spirit was not given to them for that purpose.

In John 7:37,38, Jesus said, **“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink...He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”** As Christians, we must learn what Jesus was talking about in these verses. It is very important that we know how the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

But, for those before Jesus went to the Cross, it was not possible for them to be led by the Holy Spirit the way Christians are to be led by the Holy Spirit. The Apostle John explained this in John 7:39, saying, **“(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”**

Christians who want to use the Old Testament as a guide as to what to do and how to do it will miss the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The Holy Spirit does not teach Christians to live like the people of the Old Testament. The Old Testament saints walked after the flesh. They did not have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the way Christians have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them today.

There is a major difference between the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints. Living in the flesh as the Old Testament saints lived and living in the spirit as the New Testament saints are to live are opposites. To walk after the flesh in the New Covenant is to be at enmity with God (Rom. 8:1-8). The flesh wars against the Spirit and the Spirit wars against the flesh (Gal. 5:16,17).

In the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit teaches, guides, comforts, leads, and helps us from our spirit, not from our mind. Our spirit is in our belly, and our mind is in our head. These are two different operations from two different location within our physical bodies. We must learn to recognize the working of the Holy Spirit from our spirit, and control the working of Satan from our mind.

To “follow Jesus” we must first become born again. Jesus said in John 3:7, “**Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**” To become born again we must each personally invite Jesus to become our LORD and Savior. This can be done by saying a simple prayer from your heart. Pray,

"LORD Jesus, I know that You are the Son of God. I know that You died on the cross for me. I know that God raised You from the dead.

Jesus, I ask You to come into my life? Live Your life in me! Let Your will be done in me! Let the will of God be done in my life as it was in Your life. I surrender my life to You, Jesus!

You lead me by Your Spirit and I will follow to the best of my ability. I will live for You all the days of my life, as You lead me by Your Spirit.

I receive You now, as my LORD, and SAVIOR for all eternity. I will be with You here on earth, and I will be with You in heaven, forever and ever. I will give You all the Glory, it is for You that I will live forever. Amen."

Christians who are not baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues will have a difficult time knowing what is of God and what is of the devil. The baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues enables us to recognize the working of the Holy Spirit from within our spirit.

If you have not been baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, pray, while believing in your heart on what God has promised you in His Word.

"Jesus, You said in Mark 16:17, that in Your name I can cast out devils.

Satan, in the name of Jesus I cast you out of my mind. You have no authority over my mind. My mind is clear of all demonic oppression in Jesus' name.

Father, according to Your Word in Luke 11:13, You promised me the Holy Spirit if I ask. Father, I am now asking You to give me the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in Your heavenly language. I receive Him from You now, in Jesus' name."

Continue to pray in the Spirit every day. Place God first in your life and live for God everyday.

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