



Week of May 23, 2021

Lessons in Luke: Spirit-Driven Change

Luke 6:43-49

### Day One: Read John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”

- What do you believe to be true regarding the Holy Spirit? What difference does the Spirit make in your daily life?

### Day Two: Read Romans 7:14-23

<sup>14</sup> So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup> But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. <sup>18</sup> And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. <sup>19</sup> I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. <sup>20</sup> But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. <sup>21</sup> I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God’s law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

- Can you relate with Paul’s experience of wanting to do the right thing, but repeatedly failing? In what areas of your life is this true for you?

### Day Three: Read 1 Peter 5:6-7

<sup>6</sup> So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

- What cares and worries do you need to cast onto God? Do it now, and rest in God’s grace and peace.

### Day Four: Read Luke 6:46-49

<sup>46</sup> “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? <sup>47</sup> I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. <sup>48</sup> It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. <sup>49</sup> But anyone who hears and doesn’t obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.”

- In what areas of your life are you living in disobedience? Be honest! Talk to God about it and ask for a new start today.

### Day Five: Read Mark 9:20-24

<sup>20</sup> So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father. He replied, “Since he was a little boy. <sup>22</sup> The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.” <sup>23</sup> “What do you mean, ‘if I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” <sup>24</sup> The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

- Do you ever feel like the father in this passage—desperate but wrestling with doubts? Ask God to increase your faith today and rest in God’s love for you.