

FOLLOW THE FILLING

21 DAY DEVOTION



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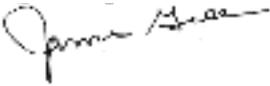
THE BEST YEAR EVER

God wants this year to be the Best Year Ever for Journey Church and you personally!

“Follow the Filling” is a 21 Day Fast Devotion that will enable you to experience the power of the Holy Spirit like never before! Read the devotion, Believe the devotion, and experience His power. Fast from lunch each day if you'd like. You don't have to fast to do this devotion, however, it will add to your experience.

My prayer, challenge, and encouragement is for you to commit to 21 days of reading, believing, fasting and experiencing His power personally. It will radically change your life and those around you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Greer".

Eph. 3:20 in action at Journey!



Pastor James Greer & wife Debbie

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- Where the Filling Leads I Will Follow -

DAY 1 ~ God's Power and The Holy Spirit

***Ephesians 3:16-20** “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints at Journey Church, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

God's power is available to us because of His Holy Spirit in us. This is not 'our' power, but it's the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. There is a difference. Many people who do not really know God nor fully understand the scriptures, try to live by their own strength and power. Verse 20 in the scripture above clearly states that it is the Holy Spirit's power that is at work in us and enables us to live differently, and to make changes in our lives.

This is one of my favorite verses what a great one to start the new year out with.

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DAY 2 ~ The Holy Spirit's Power

Ephesians 1:17-20 *“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. I pray also 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 the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...”*

In the above verses, Paul reminds us that it's through the “eyes of our heart” that we are able to understand how God works in our lives. And as Paul writes, the Holy Spirit's power is the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the grave and sent Him to be with His Father in heaven.

God wants each of us to experience this power so we can realize the fullness of His love and live a kind of life that glorifies Him. If this motivates you – to glorify God with your life by the power of His Spirit – then God will answer your cries for more of His power as you yield to His Holy Spirit that lives in you.

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DAY 3 ~ Led by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:2-5 (TLB) Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit and so be at peace with one another. We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

We all are blessed with the same Holy Spirit, the same Lord, and the same Baptism! We all received the Holy Spirit at salvation. Pray that God will help us overlook each other's faults and show love. By overlooking each other's faults and showing love it will bring glory to God our Father!

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DAY 4 ~ Feed the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:25-32 (NKJV) Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

These verses help us understand the importance of not grieving the Holy Spirit; Grieving the Holy Spirit hinders us following Jesus. Only when we feed the Holy Spirit will we be empowered to follow Jesus.

Let us feed the Holy Spirit and be filled with kind words, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness just as Christ forgave us!

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DAY 5 ~ Filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

This is one of our key verses for this series, “Follow the Filling” as God continues to fill us.

When we are drunk with wine, we say and do things that we normally would not do and many times those things don't bring honor and glory to God, but when we are filled with the Spirit we will say and do things that we normally would not do but they bring honor and glory to God.

Example:

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

So be Jesus' witness this week!

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DAY 6 ~ How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

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It's so important to be filled with the Spirit today I want us to learn how to be filled with the Spirit so we can follow.

We must receive Him in our live!

Eph. 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (KJV)

We must confess and forsake all known sin.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (KJV)

Maintain a clear conscience towards God and all men.

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. (KJV)

- **There's no one who can say "You have not tried to make things right with them.**

We must ask Him to fill us.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (KJV)

We must believe that it is done.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)

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DAY 7 ~ The Real Enemy

*Ephesians 6:10-12 (NKJV) Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might. **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual hosts** of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

As we learn to follow the filling, we must remember who the real enemy is, it's not your mate, boss, children, and surely not your pastor (lol)! The real enemy is the devil, spiritual hosts and principalities so make sure you're fighting the right enemy the right way.

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DAY 8 ~ Let The Spirit of the Lord be Upon Me

Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

God has called you and anointed you to bring the Good News which restores broken lives! Hearts will be healed, captives will be set free, and bonds will be broken for those that are imprisoned.

Where the filling leads please follow!

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DAY 9 ~ Spirits of the Lord

Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV) ...; but be filled with the Spirit,

We not only want to be filled with the Spirit where we can follow, we want to be filled with all Seven Spirits of the Lord!

Isaiah 11:2 (NKJV) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Fill us the with **Spirit of the Lord**, Spirit of Wisdom, Spirit of **Understanding**, Spirit of **Counsel**, Spirit of **Might**, Spirit of **Knowledge** and the Spirit of the **Fear of the LORD!**

That's what I call a filling to follow!

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DAY 10 ~ Fasting on Purpose with a Purpose

Isaiah 58:6-8 *“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.*”

Prayer and fasting produces powerful results:

1. Habits or strongholds broken.
2. Loved ones set free.
3. Problems solved.
4. Souls saved.
5. Great insights for major decisions.
6. Physical or emotional healing.
7. Protection.
8. Power to influence others for God!

This should increase our faith and excite our hope!

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DAY 11 ~ Fasting brings Focus

Ezra 8:21 (NKJV) Then I proclaimed a fast there at (Journey church) the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

Fasting helps *afflict* our soul, helps us to become humble before God. To cry out. It shows we are serious, and helps us to focus on the need, problem, and answer from God.

Ezra wanted protection for his children and family.

I want **protection for my personal family & church family as well and their children.**

Fasting helps us to seek the right answers from God.

Fasting allows God to answer our problems.

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DAY 12 ~ Prayer and Fasting

Mark 9:17b(NKJV) ...So, I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

Mark 9:27-29 (NKJV) But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So, He said to them, **“This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”**

Some of our prayers will not be answered apart from prayer and fasting! This is your time to increase your faith and ask for those prayers that have not been answered in the past. If your prayers are God’s will nothing is impossible for God.

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DAY 13 ~ Drink from the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 55:1 (TLB) *“Say there! Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine and milk—it’s all free!*

God invites us to drink from the Holy Spirit; it’s free and brings great joy!

John 4:13-14 (NKJV) *Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”*

One of the biggest problems in America today is people trying to find fulfillment and contentment in everything but God, His Spirit, and power!

I challenge you this week to drink from His Spirit and enjoy the fulfillment it offers!

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DAY 14 ~ The Help of the Lord

2 Chronicles 20:3-4 (NKJV) *And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. (Journey Church) So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.*

2 Chronicles 20:12-13 (NKJV) *O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.*

2 Chronicles 20:14-15 (NKJV) *Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon them...in the midst of the assembly. And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.*

Fasting and praying can bring the help of the Lord in a great and mighty way!

God can and will fight our battle in a way that we have never seen or understood, many times God’s waiting us to admit the battle is too great for us apart from Him!

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DAY 15 ~ The Blessings of God

Isaiah 44:3-5 (TEV) "... I will pour out my spirit on (Journey Church) your children and my blessing on your descendants. They will thrive like well-watered grass, like willows by streams of running water. "One by one, people will say, 'I am the LORD'S.' They will come to join the people of Israel. They each will mark the name of the LORD on their arms and call themselves one of God's people."

His Spirit brings the blessing of God to us and our children.

His blessing can increase the church and have its impact all around us.

God please pour out your spirit on Journey Church and My Family!

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DAY 16 ~ Pour out Your Spirit

Acts 2:17 (NKJV) 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

I'm excited as we enter the last days that God will pour out His Spirit in a great way that all will be able to understand God's Word in a new, great and powerful way like never before. God will give you new and exciting vision and dream how He can use you to further His Kingdom that you never dreamed imaginable.

God please pour out your spirit on Journey Church and My life give me new and exciting dreams and visions use me in a powerful way to further your Kingdom!

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DAY 17 ~ Speak God's Word Boldly

Acts 4:29-31 (NKJV) Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Help us not fear what man can do or say but be excited about what God's Word can do and bring about.

Help us to follow the filling in a way we can **speaK Your Word with boldness** and see Your Word bring such **wonders** that a lost world is amazed.

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DAY 18 ~ Feed the Holy Spirit

*Acts 9:17-18 (NKJV) And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled **with the Holy Spirit.**" Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.*

I pray during the time of "Follow the Filling" that God will lead us to those who have been blinded and have scales over their eyes and don't see the truth about who Jesus is, Jesus' love, forgiveness, power to change lives, and promise for heaven.

It's my prayer and I'm sure yours that many will be saved during this time of Following the Filling!

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DAY 19 ~ Joy and Understanding

Luke 10:21 (TLB) *Then he was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the intellectuals and worldly wise and for revealing them to those who are as trusting as little children. Yes, thank you, Father, for that is the way you wanted it."*

Thank God being filled with the Holy Spirit brings **joy** and insights from God that most intellectual and worldly-wise people don't understand but you can!

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DAY 20 ~ Filled with Power

Luke 1:17 (NKJV) He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

This verse was referring to John the Baptist, but what I want us to focus on is the spirit and power of Elijah. When we are filled the with spirit of God, we will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers, the disobedient to wisdom, and prepare as many as possible to receive Jesus as savior and Lord.

How? God, you asked!

James 5:16-18 (NKJV) Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

When we are right with God, right with ourselves, and right with others, God will answer prayers that will avail much. Then God gives us an example of what avails much looks like, Elijah prayed, and it did not rain for 31/2 years and prayed again and it rained. That's powerful!

I want us to end "Follow the Filling" with power!

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DAY 21 ~ God of All Hope Fill You

Romans 15:13 (NKJV) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor James prays that the “God of hope fill you at Journey Church with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

WHAT IS HOPE?

Life is often painful, yet God has given you a great gift—hope. Hope is the confident expectation of a positive future in spite of your present circumstances. No matter how harsh your critics, how lonely your setting, how difficult your followers, how serious your mistakes, or how impossible your situation might look, God gives us hope and wants us to remember that He will advance His kingdom and accomplish His purposes. Your confident expectation—your hope for a positive future—rests on God’s purpose and resources, not yours. Hope is grounded in and becomes alive (real- clean- powerful) from your relationship with Jesus Christ.

When you are “Following the Filling” you have a Godly hope that no matter what you face you can have a confident expectation of a positive future!

*Love you and thank you for taking this wonderful Journey with me!
Life is a Journey!*

Pastor James

Eph.3:20

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