

Daily Devotional—Week 4 May 3-8, 2021

### Monday—Read: Galatians 5:16-25

In your own words, what do you think it means to "live by the Spirit"?

Take a moment and write your name before each of the fruits of the Spirit in a journal, in your phone or on a piece of paper. (ex. Beth is loving, Beth is joyful, Beth is peaceful, Beth is patient, etc.) When you read each statement, does this adequately describe you as a person?

Are any of the fruits of the flesh evident in this season of your life?

**Listen to the song:** "Something Has to Break" by Red Rocks Worship & Essential Worship

**Pray:** Surrender all of yourself to God. Ask for the Holy Spirit to fill every part of your heart and mind. Ask for the fruit of the Spirit to be made evident in your life in increasing measure.

### Tuesday—Read John 15:1-17

Reread the passage, this time circling the eleven times the word "remain" shows up. This word remain can also be translated as "abide," "stay with," "spend time with," or "tarry." The emphasis is being with God.

Take a moment to respond to the beautiful truth that God wants to be WITH you. What feelings and thoughts come when you hear that God desires to spend time with you? (awe, reverence, joy, guilt, shame, fear)

What are your normal rhythms for remaining with God? Could God be calling you to a new rhythm? What could it look like to spend more time with Him?

**Listen to the song:** "The Hidden Place" by Vineyard Worship

**Pray:** Ask God to fill you up as you meet with Him. Pray again that the fruit of the Spirit evident in your life would be in relation to the time you spend with Him.

## Wednesday—Read Psalm 46

Meditate & Pray the Be Still Prayer

Meditate and pray through Psalm 46:10, dropping a word or two each time. Really process how the meaning changes with each line. You should sit and meditate for a minimum of 3-5 minutes on each line. The goal is to learn to be still. So, close your eyes and get lost in God.

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# <u>Thursday- Digging Deeper Podcast</u> www.nmc.church/DiggingDeeper

Reflections from the podcast:

**Listen to the song: "**More Like Jesus" by Passion

**Pray:** Holy Spirit, radically transform my heart! Give me Holy Spirit boldness and power to make great the name of Jesus!

### Saturday-Read Acts 2

Write down in your own words what you see in your imagination when you read about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. What would it have felt like to be present in that moment?

#### Friday- Read Acts 4

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." —Acts 4:13

What does living out of Holy Spirit boldness look like for you?

Who are a few people in your life that when you spend time with them, it is obvious that they have spent time with Jesus?

When people interact with you, do you think they see Jesus? What about your life is so obviously God working because there is no way you could do it in your own strength?

Which verse would more accurately describe your response to the manifestation of the Spirit, verse 12 or 13? What is your default response to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit (cynicism, skepticism, awe, reverence)? Why?

**Listen to the song: "**Come Holy Spirit" by Vertical Worship

**Pray:** Ask for the wind of the Holy Spirit to come like a mighty wind in your life.