

Episode 91

Doctor Walter Wilson had been a Christian for many years when a friend asked the question: “Who is the Holy Spirit to you?” Being well informed, Walter answered that the Holy Spirit is God, a teacher, a guide, and a comforter. While it was doctrinally correct, it was an empty and rehearsed response.

His friend pushed him harder, challenging him that he hadn’t answered the question. Again he asked, “Who is the Holy Spirit to you?” The answer Walter gave went on to bother him for months. He had shrugged his shoulders and sadly replied “He’s nothing to me, I guess. I have no contact with Him and I suppose I can get along without Him.”

The following year, Walter heard a sermon on Romans 12 about what it means to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. The preacher pointed out from the pulpit that this verse doesn’t tell us to whom we should give our bodies. He mentioned that it’s not Jesus, because he has his own body, and it can’t be the Father because he is seated on his throne in heaven and the context is clearly here on earth. Then he landed his point by reminding the congregation that another has come to earth without a body - namely, the Holy Spirit, and God gives you and I the indescribable honour of presenting our bodies to the Holy Spirit to be His dwelling place here on earth.

Walter was struck to the core, rushed home, and fell on his face before the Lord. For the next few minutes, he repented for treating God like a servant, calling on him when he wanted something. Now, however, he wanted to surrender completely to the Holy Spirit from his head down to his feet. Everything would be His from that moment on.

The very next morning two saleswomen met with him in his office and during the meeting, he shares his faith and ends up leading these two women to the lord - the beginning of a lifelong impact he had on those around him, all because he surrendered the night before. He tells of a new power and presence of God that he had never known before, churches that he planted, a mission organisation, and bible college he started, not to mention that he is mainly known today as a bestselling author.

All this because of the time when he decided to truly surrender to the Holy Spirit.

I wonder what your life would look like, what God would do through you, what we could achieve together as a church in our city and across this nation, if we just stopped and truly surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

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