



BIBLE-BASED, HOLY SPIRIT-LED, & PURPOSE-DRIVEN

Week #1

– Elder, Mel Landis

Bible-Based

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1

The Bible is True and Spiritually Powerful

- a. The Bible is Truth. Truth carries a power and it can stand on it's own.

2

What the Bible Actually Is?

- a. A book of Truth.
- b. A book of God's spiritual power, and includes history, creation, theology, wisdom about finances, love, marriage, etc. It is a best seller, powerfully used in psychology, discussing the future, etc.
- c. A book of promises by God to us, as well as prophecies fulfilled by God.
- d. The Bible is true and alive as evidenced by Satan's opposition (Psalm 14:1).

3

How did we get the Bible?

- a. 2 Peter 1:21 – Holy Men spoke oral before Moses (who wrote the first 5 books).
- b. It was written by hand – carefully copied by people (scribes) over time to preserve them. Evidence like the Dead Sea Scrolls attest to this.
- c. The original languages were written in Hebrew and Greek. Today we roughly have 4,200 language translations with about 1,900 more to go.

4

How to Make the Bible a part of your entire life!

- a. Read it – 1 Tim. 4:13
- b. Study it – 2 Tim. 2:15
- c. Memorize it – Psalm 119:11
- d. Meditate on it – Psalm 119:97, 119:99, Gen. 24:63
- e. Pray it out – Praying the Bible is a jumpstart. The Spirit and Word are activated together. As we pray out scripture and we focus on God it is an act of worship.



5

Your Action Plan

- Believe It – Hebrews 11:6 – He that comes to God must believe His words.
- Receive It - John 1:12, James 1:21 – Humbly accept and receive.
- Live It - Living out a Biblical Worldview in obedience to God.
- Questions to ponder...
 - To who or what do I ultimately answer in life? – God
 - What comprises reality? – Creation
 - Who am I and how did I get here? - Humanity
 - How do I determine right and wrong? – Moral Order
 - Is there a reason and purpose for my existence – why am I here? – Your Divine Purpose

6

Get to Know the Author of the Bible

- Jesus is the Word
- Jesus Loves You! (John 3:16)
- Walk with Jesus through your life and be blessed!
- Live in total obedience to the Lordship of Jesus in your life giving all control to God.
- Many are called, many invited, but few except Jesus : Matt. 22:14, John 1:1-18

Week #2

– Pastor Ryan Lapp

Holy-Spirit-Led

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We are doing this mini-series because it sums up what we desire to be as a church family here at Live With Purpose Church. We desire to be and remain Bible-Based, Holy Spirit-Led, and Purpose-Driven.

Why these three things?

- If we are not Bible-Based, we risk being eternally wrong
- If we are not Holy Spirit-Led, we risk being stubborn and prideful
- If we are not Purpose-Driven, we risk being wasteful with our lives

Elder Mel did a wonderful job kicking us off last week with his message about being Bible-Based, and I'm sure he could have taught us all so much more if given the time!

*One thing he said that I want to repeat today is (at least this is how I wrote it in my notes... which is a shameless plug for how you should also take notes)... "Think about what the Bible says, and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you."

So he set us all up beautifully for today!

1

To be Holy Spirit-Led, we must be connected to what the Bible says, because the Word and the Spirit are CONNECTED.

John 6:60-64 NLT

Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him).

Genesis 3:1-13 NLT

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."



2

Being Spirit-Led does NOT mean that we have no limits or boundaries

Job 38:1-11 NLT

Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? "Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!'"

John 8:25-30 NLT

"Who are you?" they demanded. Jesus replied, "The one I have always claimed to be. I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won't. For I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me, and he is completely truthful." But they still didn't understand that he was talking about his Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I am he. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him." Then many who heard him say these things believed in him.

Revelation 22:18-19

And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book:

If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.

3

Being Spirit-Led will lead you into agreement with the Word of God

1 John 4:1-3 NLT

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 NLT

Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

4

The Holy Spirit Litmus Test – How can I know if I'm being led by Holy Spirit?

According to Miriam Webster Dictionary, the term "Litmus Test" has Scientific Origins...

"It was in the 14th century that scientists discovered that litmus, a mixture of colored organic compounds obtained from lichen, turns red in acid solutions and blue in alkaline solutions and, thus, can be used as an acid-base indicator. Six centuries later, people began using litmus test figuratively. It can now refer to any single factor that establishes the true character of something or causes it to be assigned to one category or another. Often it refers to something (such as an opinion about a political or moral issue) that can be used to make a judgment about whether someone or something is acceptable or not."

***When you are learning to hear from and be led by Holy Spirit, ask God to help you discern about a thing in these 4 easy steps...**

- Is this natural or spiritual? Is this me, or is this Holy Spirit? *Sometimes you hear voices or have weird thoughts simply because of natural factors: lack of sleep, illness, hormonal or chemical imbalance, eating different foods than usual, etc. It's important to always start out by asking God to reveal to you if what you are hearing/thinking/seeing is just from you.*
- If you feel that God has affirmed your initial question, and this is something spiritual, you can move on to the next test: Does what you heard/felt/saw agree with the Word of God in the Bible? *I'm not talking about searching for any little thing that could maybe, possibly, in some obscure context be interpreted as agreement! We have to approach this one carefully, allowing God to speak to us through His Word, not manipulating His Word to suit ourselves.*
- If you can confirm that what you heard or felt or saw is in agreement with the Bible, your next question should be: Is this from You God, or from Satan? *Satan is a liar and a thief. Jesus said he is the father of lies! Satan and his demons (or evil spirits) know God's Word, and can quote it. We must lean on God for discernment to know the difference. Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*
- Finally, make sure you have at least 2-3 trusted people who can listen and help you to pray and discern. Share what you believe you have heard/felt/seen from God with them, and allow them to speak into it prophetically. Keep in mind that their responses and discernment should also pass this Litmus Test, and be based on Scripture. *Proverbs 11:14 says, "Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisors." And Deuteronomy 19:15 says, "The facts of a case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." So, these trusted advisors should be born again believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit, knowledgeable in regard to Scripture, and are producing good fruit in their own lives. They should be seasoned veterans who have been walking with God by faith.*



RECAP:

- 1.) Natural or Spiritual?
- 2.) Test it against the Bible.
- 3.) God or Satan?
- 4.) 2-3 Trusted Advisors.

Revelation 22:17, 20-21 NLT

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
Let anyone who hears this say, "Come."
Let anyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.
He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

Week #3

– Pastor Joe Sharp

Purpose Driven

Video/Audio - livewithpurposechurch.org/media/sermon/purpose-driven/

» Open in Prayer

Reminder of a sermon I did on 1/13/19 called "The Power of Our 3 Foundations" – if you want to cross-study online

» Introduction / Setup: The heart behind this series is really to help us understand our church family DNA and purposes more individually and collectively. God has you here for a unique reason. We firmly believe it!

» Recap prior weeks of our series:

Elder Mel:

- Truth carries a power with it. The Bible is the Spirit of Truth.
- A Biblical Worldview - To see all history and life in harmony with God's record while believing and acting upon God's truth.
- Speaking and praying the Bible out vocally in/over your daily life is powerful.

Pastor Ryan:

- Being led by the Spirit will always be in agreement with the Word of God.
- Being Spirit Led doesn't mean you live with no boundaries – Even Jesus operated within clear boundaries. God is a God of order!
- The Word and the Spirit are divinely connected and the Word and Spirit bring True Life.

Opening Scriptures: John 10:1-10 (AMP) – Please read along, not on screen

#1

You likely will never experience a truly "Kingdom Purpose Driven Life" if you won't take steps out of the boat.

- Don't settle for the oki-doke life church. God's got so much more for EACH OF YOU!
- (I say this in love but...) If you have a Kingdom dream in your heart or one you believe God gave you, it likely will never come to fruition if you won't take the foundational steps in your spiritual growth journey that you see or are being presented before you.
- **Scriptures:** [Galatians 2:20-21 NLT](#), [John 17:20-23 \(TPT\)](#)
- **Application** – You also have to let go of Poverty mentality thinking and rebuke it (because it is of the devil) where God is only so big and can't do something beyond you in your life. My experience is He has and continues to and not only does it excite me but it inspires me to invest into His fullness in the life of others like you! (Reverse Tithe – I said "say what?" and now seeing it become fulfilled before my eyes)



2

A key to walking in the center of God's will: seeing clear evidence of His ongoing blessing & fruit in your steps.

- A truly purpose driven life is one that becomes a transformed lifestyle that contends for Kingdom advancement and seasons of upgrade of use and evolution until death.
- You have to walk by faith that your life can always have the opportunity for a brighter future as your life continues to unfold through each season.
- **Application** – What began in 2008 as a “step out of the boat” – Now our first step in our Live with Purpose Ministry (before we ever had the full vision) - LWP Coaching, as I look back over 13 years I am in awe of God has done taking the ministry to basically 10x what it was, and giving me the absolutely humble blessing of picking and choosing who I invest into client wise at increasingly higher investments which will be largely used (90%) in time for advancing God's Kingdom and likely even becoming a non-profit in time. **I also have never been more excited about my future than I am about what He gave me for 2022 to change and pursue. I also will contend for “all of it” despite the devil wanting to put doubt in my past from last summer's heart testing.**
- **Scriptures:** John 10:10 TPT & AMP, Eph. 3:20 KJV for doubters, AMP & TPT

3

You know you are walking out a Purpose Driven life when God's peace & direction anchor you day by day.

- **Scriptures:** Phil. 4:6-7 NLT, AMP & TPT
- **Application** – Use my diddy I told Dad coming back from Biking - connecting the adoption journey, the 1-year delay timing of Safe Families, Beacon, and Show me Father and how I sense God has unraveled the last parts we haven't given Him, and now has gotten me to a place where this now my dream and our dream (Not just Jen's I support).

Scriptures:

Galatians 2:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ.[a] It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

John 17:20-23 (TPT)

Jesus Prays for You (He gives us His purpose for us)

²⁰ “And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message.

²¹ I pray for them all to be joined together as one[a] even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us[b] so that the world will recognize that you sent me.²² For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.[c] ²³ You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity,[d] and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.

John 10:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

John 10:10 (TPT)

¹⁰ A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter,[a] and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance,[b] more than you expect[c]—life in its fullness until you overflow!

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV) – for the skeptics

²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us,

Philippians 4:6 (NLT) – God's Peace that Transcends Human Understanding as your Anchor

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6 (AMP)

⁶ Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].

Philippians 4:6 (TPT)

⁶ Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, ⁷ then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ.