

# Holy Spirit Uses These 4 Methods to Guide You in His Will

I had a vigorous discussion with a colleague the other day. Reflecting on some of the deeper realities of God, our conversation pivoted into an exploration of how life-change happens.

I think that most everyone is interested in spiritual growth. Yet, how does the desired maturation actually transpire? What is it that elicits this transformation?

My friend and I discussed the fact that God can effectively operate in a myriad of ways. As you probably know, the architect of the cosmos has never been limited by means or methods. I love the fact that His benevolent actions are often characterized by intense displays of imagination and wonder.

Nevertheless, in the midst of all of this, there are particular approaches that seem to be utilized more than others. There are certain avenues of engagement that more readily come to the forefront.

In the following article, I would like to point out some prominent ways that personal development takes place. My friend and I talked about this subject at length, and now I would like to briefly discuss it with you.

Here are four ways that life-change happens:

## **1. Revelation**

Encountering foundational truths from God's Word is a catalyst for personal transformation. As kingdom precepts are accessed, our perspective widens, and we begin to observe previously overlooked realities. Revelation enables us to hear and see.

This illumination, not only ignites the imagination, but it also becomes an invitation for exploration.

Disclosing some of God's inexplicable mysteries, Solomon, the sage, declared: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter" (Prov. 25:2).

## **2. Encounter**

Through heaven's reverberating glory, the sons and daughters of the Most High are uniquely positioned for the future. Divine encounters often become the impetus for identity and advancement. As a touch from God is encountered, we not only discover His goodness and glory, but we also find our place in a family. One brief moment with God can utterly transform the bitter and the broken.

From time to time, we need to be reminded of Jesus' desire for engagement. He said, "I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

## **3. Connection**

Experiences of revelation and encounter bring us into edifying connections with fellow sojourners. As "family members" begin to "do life" with each other, we come into sync with healthy rhythms and patterns. Despite claims to the contrary, everyone was uniquely designed for connection. I understand that relationships can wound, but they can also heal.

Many of the answers we seek are woven into the tensions of community. The writer of Hebrews exclaims: "And let us consider how to spur one another to love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24).

## **4. Activation**

It isn't adequate to only know and feel. We were also formed to express the unfathomable mysteries of the kingdom. Often

what's needed the most will not be evident until the dormant gifts of God are activated. Many are waiting for the river to part before they advance, not realizing that the waters will never recede until they make the first step.

Sometimes the answer is found in casting off the constraints of the past and boldly pursuing our inheritance. "Therefore, since we are encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). {eoa}

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