

Change Your World

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is John 10:10, which I slightly paraphrase as something like this: “Jesus came so we could get a life.”

It's time we stop living boring, safe little Christian lives and start thinking differently about God, about life and about ourselves.

It's time to get real. That's why I want you to read *The Spirit Contemporary Life*

I'm sure you've noticed the church is not a perfect institution. The church is comprised of human beings, and as long as human beings are part of the mix, there will be problems to solve every day. But the biggest problem the church faces today is the way we as Christians approach the rest of the world on God's behalf.

Our message is fine. In fact, the message is perfect, so we don't need to change it. The message is Jesus, and there is nothing we can do to improve on that message. But sometimes when people share that message, it does not result in others turning to Christ. In most parts of the developed world, the church is actually shrinking.

Why do so many tune out when followers of Christ try to share their faith? Why do our young people fall away from God? Why do many intelligent, well-educated people seem to run from all things Spirit filled? And why don't we see evidence of Holy Spirit's power in the marketplace and on the streets, just as much as we do in a church building?

Since we know the message about Jesus is perfect and Holy Spirit's power to influence our lives is incredible, the problem has to lie with the messengers. It has to be us.

We are the problem.

There is a simple solution. We can learn to communicate Jesus' message in the context of our normal, everyday lives, and we can do it in a way that doesn't send people running. Can it really be that easy? We tend to assume that no one wants to hear about our relationship with Jesus. We're afraid people will make fun of us.

It's risky. Or we overcomplicate things and fall for the lie that it is natural for our methods of sharing our faith to result in criticism or rejection.

As a result, many earnest believers needlessly offend and end up pushing away the very people Jesus has called us to reach. They have the best intentions, thinking that their refusal to bend tradition is how they show God their devotion, but I don't think God sees it that way.

Really, there is a simple and highly effective way to go about it. We can influence others for Jesus while we build great relationships with them. This new culture, this new way of communicating and living out our faith, is something I call the Spirit contemporary life.

To sum it up, the Spirit contemporary life means living so in tune with Holy Spirit that you are guided and empowered to help others in natural, authentic, contemporary ways. It's not just about putting a new face on Christianity; it's about getting back to the basics of what Christianity was always meant to be and then presenting that reality to the world.

The Spirit Contemporary Life is going to change how you see Jesus and help you discover how you can live in His power every day. You'll read stories of miracles—miracles that didn't take place in church but “out there” where life happens: at accident scenes, on streets, in schools, at workplaces and in homes. You'll see how God's miraculous power can work through you in your everyday life, and it's going to

radically change how you live.

You'll read about my own struggle and see how the Holy Spirit led me to revolutionize how I approached my faith. The Holy Spirit did a complete overhaul on my heart—and it was so simple. If He did it for me, He will do it for you too.

The Spirit Contemporary Life is going to change everything about your life! So are you ready? It's time to embark on an adventure. You can experience more of God's power, peace and joy as you live each day. You can live in a way that causes people to be attracted to Jesus as they never were before. Not only will this concept change your life, but through it, you can help completely transform the way the world looks at Christians.

Together, we can change what people think it means to follow Jesus. Let's get started!

Learn more about *The Spirit Contemporary Life*

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