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Series: Intentionality

Focus: Holy Spirit as the Teacher Part II

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- I. The Holy Spirit teaches all subjects:
 - Spiritual- your inner being
 - Natural – the flow or organic ways of life
 - Mental - your way of thinking
 - Physical – your body
 - Social – your interactions with life
 - Financial – your resources
 - Relational – your interactions with people
 - Parenting – your ability to give proper care, love, and healthy discipline.
 - Divorce – your life before, during, and after a breakup
 - Death, Dying, and Bereavement – how to prepare, how to cope with

II. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will:

- Teach you directly – one-on-one sessions and this is often tied into maturity or an assignment.

- Teach you by the way of Substitute teachers - utilizing others to facilitate lessons to you such as Pastors, Elders, Parents, Friends, etc. Oftentimes, this standing in proxy is tied to the state of the student mindset)

- Teach you by the way of your enemies (this is often used to reveal to you that even your enemies have a part to play in your development. We are not the product of just positive deposits, but we have been taught some powerful lessons by people who didn't like us)

III. The Holy Spirit's desire is to teach us in all things:

1. Life is your classroom. Everyday moments, conversations, interactions, appointments, and disappointments are God's way of educating us.

2. Scenic views are your blackboards and I-pads with instructions, information, and ideas displayed on them. Nature, fields, mountains, valleys, highways, oceans, rivers, streams, sun-filled days, rain, snow, wind, concrete sidewalks, etc. are some of the ways in which the Holy Spirit uses to teach us about life.

3. Situations are the tests or examinations of life. Conflicts and confusion are designed to see how much of life lessons we have retained. High and low moments help reveal our true selves. Some tests are announced in advance (you know that they are coming, and you can prepare for them) while other tests are spontaneous (without warning).

4. Mistakes are an invitation to attend coach class. so that you can correct your errors. None of us will get life right all of the time. Therefore, the Holy Spirit desires to use those moments as teachable moments. "Losing or failing is not the problem, quitting is the problem." Making mistakes is never a good enough reason to give up on life.

5. People are your classmates. Those around you have been placed in the same classroom as you. They should not be seen as competition but as someone to receive encouragement from or someone for you to encourage. Life will give all of us the same test but at different times.

6. Eating, recess, and rest are essential for your total being- for strengthening the body, mind and soul. The daily care of the body is very critical for the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit needs a house to occupy. The Holy Spirit is indeed willing or ready to go but the flesh is weak or tired. Therefore, having adequate healthy outlets brings the body into compliance where the Holy Spirit can have optimal use.

7. Grace and Mercy are your hall monitors - to ensure your safe passage from one class to another. In every class, there are always some bullies, and these bullies can intimidate you from learning some valuable lessons. The Holy Spirit teaches us that we have coverage on this journey. Grace and Mercy are our escorts through dangers seen and unseen.

8. Fresh breath is your reminder that you can rejoin the class - even if you didn't do well yesterday! Every breathing opportunity is an opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to show us that today's success is built off of yesterday's failures.

9. Tuition is paid by the owner and the student. The owner paid for you to be enrolled in the class of life and the student pays by showing up and giving life 100 percent.

10. The true meaning of Graduation. While graduation does mean to receive public acknowledgement for completing prescribed courses. The greater expression for graduation is "Commencement."

Commencement: a beginning or start. The Holy Spirit teaches us every time we get to the end of one chapter in our lives, it is permission to move on to the next chapter without fear or validation from others. He reminds us that we have done our work and we beat the odds. No one but us can hinder us from entering into the phase of our lives but us.

IV. What's the curriculum that the Holy Spirit uses?

A curriculum is defined:

- a standards-based sequence of planned experiences where students practice and achieve proficiency in content and applied learning skills.
- the subjects comprising a course of study in...

It's the Jesus Model!

John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak and he will show you things to come.”

The Model of Jesus was always based in Truth!!!

Every believer has a curriculum. Your based sequence of subjects may not be arranged as other people's but the common denominator in all of life is to produce TRUTH in us.

Truth in us will produce truth around us!