

Series: Surprising God

Surprising Spirit

Sunday June 3, 2018

1. How do we experience and work with the Spirit of God in us?

2. B is for Bible

C is for Church

G is for Giftings

S is for Sense of the Spirit

C is for Circumstances

3. B is for Bible.

The primary way the Spirit moves and speaks into our lives is through the Scriptures.

4. *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge... but leave room for God's wrath (Ro. 12:18-19).*

5. *Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14).*

6. *Don't be selfish, don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves (Phil. 2:3, NLT).*

7. *For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation (Ps. 100:5, NLT).*

8. *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them (Ro. 8:28, NLT).*

9. *Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them (Pro. 3:27, NLT).*

10. C is for Church

The most common way the Spirit speaks in the book of Acts (other than in and through the Scriptures) – is through the church, ie. Acts 13:2.

11. G is for Giftings

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7).

12. S is for Sense of the Spirit.

Throughout the bible – we see that God guides his people by placing burdens in their spirits, ie. Nehemiah (2:12), when Paul came to Athens (Acts 17:16).

13. C is for Circumstances.

Paul seems to see “open and closed doors” throughout his life as evidence of the Spirit’s leadership, ie. 1 Cor. 16:8.

14. Here are some questions to consider:

1. What do you think the Spirit of God might be saying to you these days through the Word of God?
2. What challenge or encouragement has the Spirit shared with you through the church?
3. Where do you best enjoy using your spiritual gifts? Are you using them to experience Him?
4. Where do you sense the Holy Spirit leading you these days?