

*THERE IS A RIVER
WHOSE STREAMS
SHALL MAKE GLAD
THE CITY OF GOD.,
(PSALM 46:4)*



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PURPOSE

The purpose of Mountain Stream Ministries is to speak prophetically to the Body of Christ and to impart and teach Kingdom Principles and Spiritual Order.

Mountain Stream Ministries accomplish this purpose by providing resource materials, and by teaching through various venues.

Thank you for your commitment in praying for and supporting God's Calling upon *Rick Fultz*. He and his staff at *Mountain Stream Ministries* endeavor to minister Godly encouragement and direction to the hearts of God's people. *We minister to those whom God has placed in our lives. (John 17:9) I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. (Amplified Bible)*

May the Lord bless you and minister to you as you read this Newsletter.

“Let us make known the name of Jesus, to everyone God sends our way.”

***“For as many that are led by the Spirit,
they are the sons of God.”***

***The “Introduction” from “Part One” has been added
here to (Part 3) as a reminder.***

As I was praying and seeking God about the subject of this Newsletter, Holy Spirit began to speak to me about the importance of being led by the “Spirit of God.” He spoke to me about a “Famine of Discernment” which is causing many of His people to walk through life, “Blindly” and without “Knowledge.” (Having no spiritual site and no spiritual knowledge, revelation or Rhema). This famine of a “lack of discernment” has caused a disinterest in God’s people, and some have digressed to believing it is no longer necessary to seek by praying in the Spirit on a daily basis. They only seek God occasionally through counsel from others and/or by their feelings alone, and only then when they are desperate for help. This method of seeking God and the lack of discernment, has produced chaos in the lives of many of His people.

I was stirred deeply within my spirit as Holy Spirit impressed me to teach and encourage the Church (you being the Church) on the subject of “How To Be Led By The Spirit of God.”

Holy Spirit spoke these words to me, “Before anyone can be led by the Spirit of God the person seeking to be led by My Spirit must first discover (Three Important Discoveries).” This article was birthed by the Spirit as He gave me the words to write. I pray that these words will encourage you in your walk with God, and may Holy Spirit impart the importance of being led by the Spirit of God to you. I pray that you will be stirred and encouraged to seek God more earnestly and be more sensitive to Holy Spirit as He leads you through your life and the destiny He has prepared for you.

*In His Rest,
Rick Fultz*

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All Scripture is
given by
inspiration of
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2 Peter 1:21 For
prophecy never
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of man,

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This study of ‘Being Led By The Spirit of God’ is a vital part of following God. We must put forth an effort to seek for His guidance or we take the chance of never finding God’s will for our lives.

While it is necessary to seek for God’s guidance, we must never allow a religious spirit to cause us to stop living while we are seeking!

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Learning to walk with God is an ever learning process! We progress daily as we occasionally stumble. This walk must be a walk of Faith covered by His grace, or we all could be in danger of becoming religious, self-sufficient, self-centered, egotistic, narcissistic, (having an inordinate fascination with oneself; excessive self-love; vanity), introverted, holier than others, etc.

Well, I guess you get my point! 😊

Christians are to be led by The Spirit of God and that is always a humbling experience. We must always approach God with humility! Not to be confused with a sad, depressing, cheerless, spirit. With humility and meekness is the way to seek God's guidance.

Any other way is unproductive, and usually confuses the one seeking guidance.

A word of *caution*:

If we are serious about being led by the Spirit of God then we should make sure we are not caught up in religious rituals. You cannot seek God and at the same time have a religious spirit! People with a religious spirit are all about their status quo and dare not be part of anything (including God) that would violate their own will and agenda.

Christians should be careful of these things.

- 1. Make sure you are not playing a religious game of appearing to be holy.*
- 2. Make sure you are not caught up in modern day religious gatherings which thrive on socialistic self-righteousness, and focuses on social latitude, self-gain, rituals and works and not the Holy Spirit.*
- 3. Remember, if we (or any religious leader) are not being led by the Spirit of God, then we are not being a son of God!*

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How can anyone lead without hearing what Holy Spirit is saying? Gathering people together and calling it Church has to be more than encouraging people to give in order to build the biggest Church building in town. It has to be more than strategizing how we can get the most people in our biggest building. It certainly has to be more than a political arena, where business deals are secretly schemed and bids are granted to the largest donor to missions.

We Are The Church

We are the Church! We are His (God's) people! When we gather it should be to build and encourage people, for the work of the ministry. When I say that many will think I am referring to a pulpit ministry. No! your ministry is to be a witness of Jesus our Lord and King, our Savior. Encourage God's people to be a witness to those who do not know Jesus! Teach them how to BE a Christian and as Christians "they" are the Church Jesus spoke about. Encourage them to help their brother and sister and the sinner as well, when they are in need. Point them to the cross and to Jesus, and direct them to the mountain of the Lord where their help comes from in their time of trouble. Teach them to honor their father and mother, then they will know how to honor the Lord and His principles. [These are some great ideas, Rick! Thank you.] (smile)

These are more than ideas! These are the commandments of Jesus our Lord!

Show them how (by example) to be led by Holy Spirit. Teach them to search the scriptures for themselves in case someone might lead them astray. Guard them and cover them with prayer and intercede for them as Jesus intercedes for us.

Before anyone accuses me of being antichurch you better listen closely at my words.

I am not antichurch, but I am certainly anti- systematic religious gatherings which rape the spiritually weak by taking advantage of their

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spiritual ignorance; and when they (the religious crowd and/or even some ministers) satisfy themselves by robbing the weak of their money, allegiance and servitude; only seeking for self-gain and a public platform to strengthen their hidden agendas. Through neglect they abandon the spiritually weak and leave them for the devil to devour! Did you get all of that?!(selah)

Yes I am against that sort of religious rhetoric, and the wickedness behind their persuasive speeches, which they use to take advantage of widows, the elderly and the spiritually weak..

How can I make such stern statements? Because I have experienced and seen all of the above mentioned first hand. I have elderly friends who have been abused by such wickedness inside the Church! I have personally been robbed and used because of my heart to trust and to help and serve. I see no need to go into detail about such experiences, but I do sense a need to warn you of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Yes, I do believe in giving and God makes it clear on how to do that. Again, we need to be led of the Spirit in this area as well. I encourage you to keep giving as God directs.

It's the manipulation that some churches and ministers use to persuade people to give that I warn you of.

Give as God directs you to give and you will see His hand at work in your life.

*Now, before anyone says I hate all ministers and I believe that all Churches are corrupt. Stop! I do not believe that at all! I love those who serve in ministry and I certainly have nothing against building a building to get out of the rain for ministry purposes, whether it be used for worship, teaching, or functions to help the poor, or just a place of celebration and encouragement. **I am just encouraging and warning you of the importance of being led by the Holy Spirit***

That is why these Newsletters are written! To teach and encourage and sometimes to warn you.

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Please pray and ask God to guide you and teach you to be led by Holy Spirit. It will change your life!

To be encouraged, is to be led by the Spirit of God!

He knows all things and He will guide, guard, and give you peace, if you will allow Him to lead!

I hope you have been encouraged by these Newsletters concerning this topic. I have endeavored to study and search the scriptures for truth to help and encourage you in your walk with God.

REMEMBER!

The Holy Spirit tells us How to Do God's Will, God's Way, and In God's Timing.

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER:

This Newsletter was birthed to water thirsty souls with the Word of God. The name in itself, "THE STREAM" is an indicator of God's intent with this ministry. *Water flows in the path of least resistance. To resist Him is to restrict His flowing river. The river of God brings refreshing hope when you allow it to flow in your life.* Open up your heart and receive refreshing water, in those dry areas of your life. We all have them at times, so don't feel condemned. (smile) Open up your heart, and let Him complete the good work, He has started in you. Amen!



In His Rest,
Rick Fultz

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Your Walk With God

In this study and teaching of how to be led by the “Spirit of God” we have learned certain principles that must be followed and we have also discovered “three processes” of walking with discernment.

We have learned the importance of being “led” by the “Spirit of God.”

While we should learn these principles of how to hear and follow God., we need to approach these things with some caution.

We should never devalue our “Walk with God” by replacing our “spiritual walk” with a “METHOD!” We must seek God with all of our heart or these principles will never work . We must seek God with “ALL” of our “HEART!” You must “know” Holy Spirit and then apply these principles daily as “He” leads you into Truth!

You will find your walk with God to be clearer and more productive, if you will seek God diligently and with a contrite spirit! This is the only way!

God will take you through many things and teach you His ways on a daily basis. Be blessed for knowing God has given you opportunity to hear Him and walk with Him. Be encouraged and teach others as you learn to walk with God.

Fruits of Being Led By Holy Spirit

I want to share this “true” story with you as an example of how we can benefit by being led by Holy Spirit.

We had been invited by Pastor Paul Bishop to attend a special gathering at “The River” at his church in Ohio. We were not able to attend this meeting, so I gave Pastor Bishop a courtesy call and left a message explaining that we would not be able to meet the schedule set for that meeting.

Pastor Paul returned my call on Tuesday on the afternoon of March 2, 2010. In our conversation he mentioned that he and his wife

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(Paula), were at Paula's mother's house near Nashville, TN. He said, "Paula's mother (June) has had a pain in her body for 'three years' that had progressively gotten worse." He explained that they had traveled there to check on her and pray for her.

I immediately asked if the pain was located in her hip, and suddenly our phone call was disconnected by a one of our cell phones losing its signal. He eventually called back after a few moments and asked me if the Lord had revealed to me where June's pain was located.

In my answer I explained to Pastor Paul how I had been suffering with pain in my hip for "seven" weeks and yes, I sensed that Holy Spirit was telling me that June's pain was in her hip S1 Vertebra.

Paul confirmed to me that her pain was in the S1 Vertebra region of her lower back.

I also shared that my son-n-law (which is a Chiropractor) had explained to me that my pain was coming from my S1 Vertebra (which is located in the lower back) and that my hip was torqued or rotated out of place. Basically my hip was out of alignment and the pain was excruciating at times. [

Pastor Paul confirmed to me that June's pain was coming from the S1 location in her lower back. **I sensed God was doing something concerning this pain in Paula's mother**

[My son-n law (Dr. Sean Newport) is recognized by his colleagues and peers, as one of the best, and possibly the best Chiropractor in Knoxville, TN.], but I could not find any relief from the pain in my hip.

Knowing Dr. Newport's expertise and the track record of him relieving me of other pains in my body over the years, I suspected this pain in my hip to be of a "spiritual" nature. *Something only God could move from me, when He chose and without man's intervention.* I could not figure out why I was suffering with this pain, and had prayed and asked God to heal me or at least show me why this would not go away.

It was when Pastor Paul called me and said, "She (June) has had a

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pain in her body for three years.” That was the “moment” I suddenly realized that this pain in my body had possibly been and still was somehow a type of intercession for Paula’s mother. I didn’t try to explain it to Pastor Paul nor did I dwell upon it. I’ll get back to this later and share with you what happened.

As we were talking, I was suddenly moved by Holy Spirit to pray for Paula’s mother to be healed. Pastor Paul put me on the speaker-phone and I prayed that June’s hip would come into alignment and that the S1 vertebra would be healed in the name of Jesus. I told Pastor Paul that June would feel her hip pop back into place sometime soon. We rejoiced and finished our conversation.

After being stirred by Holy Spirit to pray for June’s healing, I was still hurting in my hip. *One would think that one might be healed also when praying for another’s healing of the same condition!* (smile) I just shrugged my shoulders about the whole thing and continued believing for June’s healing. All I could figure was God was moving in a special way, and I could only have known this by the Spirit of God moving inside me! So, I just went on about the business of the day and trusted God, concerning this movement of the Spirit in and around me.

I was at my daughter’s house (Christa) when I first spoke with Pastor Paul and prayed for Paula’s mother earlier that afternoon.

Later that night as I was driving home from my daughter’s house in Knoxville, TN to Sevierville, TN, I sensed that I needed to pray for Paula’s mother. Well, I was very tired and it was late so my flesh wrestled with the slight nudge of the Holy Spirit to pray for June. As I drove I was thinking about the conversation that Paul and I had earlier that day and how I had already prayed for June. I did not feel like praying so I just said a few words like, “Lord help June.” Go ahead and laugh at my feeble attempt to pray a prayer for June, but I want you to see how easily I could have ignored the slight unction from the Holy Spirit and missed an opportunity to obey the ‘LEADING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD,’ to pray. *It is important to be led by the Spirit of God, but it is just as important to obey*

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His leading. As I drove on I chose to ignore my tiredness and pray a real prayer for June's healing. As I began to pray my hip began to hurt even more, but I pressed on and prayed for her healing. I began praying in the Spirit (with understanding), and also continued (praying in tongues). I felt God's presence fill the automobile and all I could do was pray and intercede! It was an awesome experience! A moment in time when heaven touched the earth and I was in the middle of it! I was praying with authority and all heaven broke loose in me and suddenly intercession rose up in me for Paula's mother. I was caught up in the spirit of intercession!

This happened at 10:30 pm.

I drove further down the road and pulled over at a Weigel's Market to call Pastor Paul and tell him what had just happened. I felt God's presence surrounding and all in me. You might say that I was full to the brim with God's presence and power! (selah) I get goose bumps just writing about it!

I sensed I would interrupt Pastor Paul if I called, so I sent him a text message instead.

The text message was exactly this, "I was driving home from my daughter's house at 10:30 pm and intercession rose up in me for Paula's mother. I am believing she is healed."

Well. I got back on the road and continued driving home. Not long afterwards I received a text message from Pastor Paul which was exactly like this, "That is precisely the time we started praying here! We are having a Holy Ghost spell!"

I sent a text back to him, "Call Me."

In a few minutes Pastor Paul calls me and all I hear is rejoicing and shouting in the background! He told me that Paula's mother was jogging in place and jumping around rejoicing and shouting. June had barely been able to move before. Pastor Paul told me that another minister in the area had stopped by to pray for June and encourage her, and he had been doing this for about three years.

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When he and the others in the house heard that a minister over 400 miles away was moved upon by Holy Spirit to intercede for Paula's mother, it started a Holy Ghost meeting in the house. Pastor Paul put me on the speaker-phone so June could hear me and God gave me a prophetic word for her. The word was confirmed and received by June and she started rejoicing again. June released her burdens to God with a deep sigh of relief and the whole house went into praising God!

Now regarding the pain in my hip; I have a testimony as well! When intercession rose up in me for Paula's mother (June), (as I was driving home), the pain in my hip flew out the window of my automobile. Yes! Gone out the window! I know it may seem odd to some, but it was as if I could see the pain as it exited the vehicle! This happened as I was interceding for June. While I was praying in the Holy Ghost (tongues) the pain that I had suffered with for "seven" weeks suddenly left my body! Hallelujah! I am still healed and have absolutely no pain in my hip!

I am not going to attempt to dissect this into theological idealism or supersize this into something that "I" did! No! It was not me! It was NOT about me! *IT WAS ABOUT SOMETHING OF THE SPIRIT!!!*

My Goodness! I feel Holy Ghost goose-bumps as I am writing this!

We MUST be led by the Spirit of God if we are going to experience miracles!

We MUST walk in the Spirit as sons of God to experience the authority He has given us!

We MUST yield our hearts and lives to Holy Spirit if we are to experience walking in the unknown depths of the Spirit!

We MUST have discernment operating in us to SEE and an ear to Hear what Holy Spirit wants to Speak or convey to us at any given moment if we are going to be led by the Spirit of God concerning

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the issues of life and the destiny He has planned for us!

We MUST release our Theology back to the Father (whether it is right or wrong) and put it on trial for its life to be tested by Holy Spirit, and keep ONLY that which is approved for sound doctrine, if we are going to walk in TRUTH!

We MUST demand the Traditions of men to let us go and free us to pursue God and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth and for it to release the death grip it has upon our lives, if we are to experience Jesus manifested in the fullness of His Glory in our lives today!

Seek and you WILL find Him! Knock and you WILL experience doors opened by Holy Spirit for you to explore His goodness!

Call upon His name!

Shout! Habakkuk 2:14^{1,4}“For the earth will be filled With the knowl-
edge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea. (NASB)

***BE ENCOURAGED AND EXPERIENCE GOD! HE HAS MADE
(WALKING IN THE SPIRIT) AVAILABLE TO YOU. WILL YOU
WALK IN HIM?***

You Must Encourage Others

*Who will teach your children? Who will teach your grandchildren?
Who will tell your friends? Who among you is “WAITING” for you to
“show them how” to walk with an awesome God?*

*Many are searching for truth and silently desiring your encourage-
ment.. They sense you have a relationship with God and need your
encouraging words to help them through this sometimes difficult life.
One of these people may be your child, or your wife, or your husband,
or your closest friend, or....*

Will you reach out to them and lead? Will you teach your children,

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loved ones, friends, while you have the opportunity or will you wait until a tragedy strikes out against their life and soul, before you speak?

Wake up and be who you are! You are the “sons” of God! Go tell somebody they can be a son too, before it is too late!

You are blessed to know God. You are blessed to know the leading of the Holy Spirit! You will be more blessed when you share what you have learned in your relationship and walk with God with your family, and the persons God sends your way each day. You will rejoice when you see them experience God and live a life “more” abundantly!

I pray that you have been encouraged by these three articles concerning being led by the Spirit of God. You must see by now the importance of walking by the Spirit of God v/s just going about life in a religious circle only to end up where you started, and still in need of God leading you. Start seeking God NOW for His leading! Not through rituals of religiosity or through a sanctimonious lifestyle. Be diligent in your seeking and honest with yourself and those around you, about what you have chosen to believe in the past. It may be time for some changes in you life, and some changes in some of the religious beliefs you have embraced for many years as truth.

If God has not been allowed to lead you by His Spirit, then who are you following? How are you seeking His guidance? If it has only been through the shallowness of head knowledge alone and not by His Spirit, then how is discernment operating in your life. Your walk with God must be more than a Sunday morning Bible Lesson, more than a Bible Story that we have heard repeatedly for many years. Walking with God is MORE that just reading stories about people’s experiences with God in Biblical times! You must experience God on a “daily basis” for yourself! You must experience His power in order to be set free from traditional religious bondages! Bondages that have demanded some of you to remain motionless and without

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the manifestation of the presence of God in your life.

*God is calling His people “out of bondage.” He is calling you to walk and live by His Spirit today! He is sounding an alarm for this generation to start **SEEKING**, **DISCERNING** and **HEARING** what the Spirit of God is saying to His people today!*

Be a testimony to this generation that you are a son of God, and that God leads you by His Spirit!

It’s your time! It’s your hour! All creation is yearning for you to be who God called you to be!

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Romans 8:14 (New King James Version)

Be blessed and LIVE a good life in Him!

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