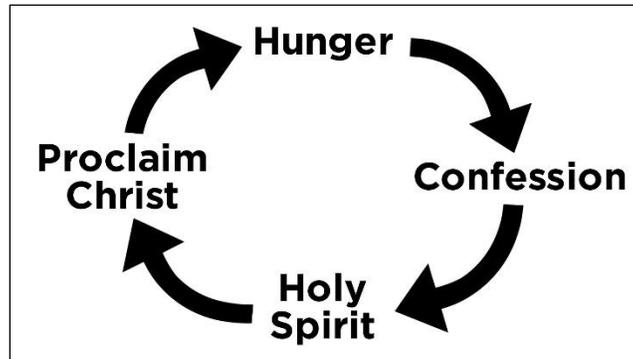


**Awaken...**  
**How to Revive Your Spiritual Life**  
*Instant Obedience to the Promptings of the Holy Spirit*  
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*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. (Psalm 32:8 ESV)*

*This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” (Isaiah 48:17)*

*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord established his steps. (Proverbs 16:9 ESV)*

**To be awoken to God, means to be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Holy Spirit**

**1) ...is a helper who teaches and reminds.**

*The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26 ESV)*

**2) ...convicts of sin.**

*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:7-8 ESV)*

**3) ...lives in every believer.**

*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? (1 Corinthians 3:16)*

“The truth is that the Spirit of the living God is guaranteed to ask you to go somewhere or do something you wouldn't normally want or choose to do. The Spirit will lead you to the way of the cross, as He led Jesus to the cross, and that is definitely not a safe or pretty or comfortable

place to be. The Holy Spirit of God will mold you into the person you were made to be. This often incredibly painful process strips you of selfishness, pride, and fear.”—Francis Chan

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **At once they left their nets and followed him.** Going on from there, he saw two brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and **immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.** (Matthew 4:18-22)*

*“Rise, let’s go! Here comes my betrayer!” (Mark 14:42)*

### **Following the Holy Spirit always comes with a story.**

“For Christian living demands that we keep our feet on the ground; it also asks us to make a leap of faith. A Christian who stays put is no better than a statue. A person who leaps about constantly is under suspicion of being not a man but a jumping jack. What we require is obedience—the strength to stand and the willingness to leap, and the sense to know when to do which.”

—Eugene Peterson

- 1. Are you open to be stretched by God?**
- 2. Are you available to hear God?**
- 3. Are you seeking to be used by God?**