

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)

Question: How does this scripture give you confidence in God's guidance?

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)

Question: Do you question whether or not God has your best interested at heart? Why or why not?

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

Question: Do you live your life in the way the Lord has established for you? Why or why not?

To be awakened 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)

Question: What is the last thing that the Holy Spirit reminded you of?

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)

Question: How has the Holy Spirit convicted you of sin? What did you do about it?

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)

Question: How should we live knowing that we are the temple of God's Holy Spirit that dwells in our bodies?

Discuss this statement "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)*

Question: *God is calling you to follow him, have you made that decision to follow Jesus and if so, how has it impacted your life?*

Pastor Eddie said...“Following the Holy Spirit always comes with a story.”

Question: Do you have a story of when you followed the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Pastor Eddie left us with these three questions to ponder..

- 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?**