



the mysterious  
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the Holy Spirit

**9. The Spirit of The Desert**  
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**Sermon Notes**

*<sup>12</sup> Then the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. <sup>13</sup> He was in the desert forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels came and took care of him. Mark 1:12-13 NCV*

**To Meet the Mysterious Person of the Holy Spirit is to...**

**TO FACE TESTS, TRIALS, AND TRAVAIL**

**I. Judges 6:11-16 From Comfort to a Clarion Call**

<sup>11</sup> The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”<sup>13</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”<sup>14</sup> The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

The Holy Spirit **CALLS OUT** the Beloved of God...

**TO LEAVE THAT WHICH IS COMFORTABLE TO JOIN THE**

**BATTLE**

*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Luke 10:1-3*

## **II. John 10:1-11 Changing for Challenges**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**The Holy Spirit HEMS IN the Beloved of God...**

### **FOR HEALING, PROTECTION AND/OR TRANSITION**

*The Lord your God has blessed everything you have done; he has protected you while you traveled through this great desert. The Lord your God has been with you for the past forty years, and you have had everything you needed. Deuteronomy 2:7 NCV*

## **III. Romans 5:3-5 NCV Character from Crisis**

We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. <sup>4</sup> And patience produces character, and character produces hope. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us.

**The Holy Spirit REFINES the Beloved of God...**

### **USING CRISES TO CREATE CHARACTER**

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.... <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup> “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. Hebrews 12:7-13