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I'm going to share a personal journey of searching for more of God.

Oliver Twist more please sir.

This the scripture that started these thoughts.

John 14; 12- 14 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ^[c]ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

We can become complacent and comfortable in our daily lives. That means no progress and maybe even a falling backwards.

Paul in Phil. 3;12 -15

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it. Paul said he is pressing on.

Personal testimony of moving on. The natural first.

We milked 140 cows for years achieving 3600 kg milk solids on an average. We wanted to do more to advance. So we asked questions, researched what information was out there. And implemented the changes necessary to make progress. To the extent we milk around 280 cows for over 130000 kg milk solids. It did come with a cost and a walk into the unknown territory but brought great reward.

So to my Christian walk. Has it changed, have I progressed. Sure I believe there are changes in my life, my faith has been tested, my knowledge of the Word has grown. Hopefully my relationship with God is deeper and my prayer life constant and trusting. BUT is this all there is.

What fruit for the kingdom, what effect do I have on others' good. How can I influence the world around me?

Ask questions and seek answers. Be prepared to implement and not count the cost.

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What great things did Jesus do. Let's look at the words of Jesus Himself in;

Mathew 11; 1 – 6 *Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.*

² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he ^[a]sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

We only need to read Acts to see how the gospel spread through the disciples. The results of prayer, praise preaching and miracles and signs. This was accomplished under the leading and infilling of the holy Spirit. Didn't Jesus Himself say He would send the HS

John 14; 15 – 17 *“If you love Me, ^[d]keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another ^[e]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

Was the gift of the HS just for those days and just for them I don't think so. There were more than the 11 disciples in the upper room who were filled with the Holy Spirit. Then look at Acts 8; 14 – 17 where the believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit after being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus only.

Or in Acts 10; 44 – 46 in the household of Cornelius

Or Acts 4; 29 – 31 where they prayed for boldness not to be constrained by man.

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

I need this boldness to speak out the Word of God not to believers but to the unbelieving world.

Signs and wonders confirming That Jesus is indeed Lord.

The early church was explosive, miraculous, life affirming and growing.

John Baptist said Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit *and* fire.

Jesus said in John 7; 37 -39 *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those ^[a]believing in Him would receive; for the ^[b]Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

The emphasis maybe on the phrase *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those ^[a]believing in Him would receive;*

Are we believers should we expect HS to be in us performing all His responsibilities in us. I believe we have to be willing and obedient to receive.

Do we fulfil the requirements for this infilling of the HS. Belief, faith, obedience, right motivation a hunger for more of God.

What are the works of the HS we need now, but boldness, strength, understanding of truth, words to speak when asked, greater love, healings deliverances etc. Why should these things have stopped in the early church because God is the same yesterday today and tomorrow. He is unchanging.

But expect there to be a cost. There always is in following Jesus but the reward IS GREATER. We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit today.

1 Cor. 12 *There are ^[d]diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works ^[e]all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by ^[f]the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

These gifts are not for our individual glory but to build up the body. i. e for the good of all and most importantly God's glory. We should be agents of change.

Paul said to the Romans that in Romans 15; *10 they were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit.^[i]*

Just like on the farm we were some of the first to use maize silage and other feeds with a positive result now many other farmers are doing likewise. So too we need to fully feed our spirits with God's Spirit and His Word and expect great results.

Do I want to see a vibrant fruitful miraculous church?

More questions than answers. Was the gift of the Holy spirit for a limited time? No!

I have to be honest what the motivation for more of God and His power in me. Is it for recognition of self or is it for God's glory.. Am I prepared to step out in faith with a risk of failure or looking foolish

Do I care enough for the lost or hurting to seek God for them?

When I was saved it was me and God but now I am part of the body of Christ who and what I am will affect this body. I am part of a living organism.

I'm not greedy but I want more and need more of God in my life.

The way ahead could be a great adventure or it can be a dull more of the same walk. What will this more of God look like? What will God expect of me? I know I have to yield myself to His will for me.

What do I want ? Am I prepared to move out of my comfort zone into whatever God has before me or am I content to stay in my lazy boy and rest.

Age is no excuse to not get up out of the comfortable seat and follow God's leading. Use it or lose it.

Am I content to do the same old or am I prepared to pay the cost of moving on in God.

It's like reading a travelogue or looking at a video of new places but nothing beats going there in person and seeing it for yourself. Reading what Jesus did and what happened in the Book of acts would be much better if I was actually involved not just reading about those deeds. The route I take from salvation to glory depends on my obedience. It can be a blah trip or an exciting one of new adventure'

I'm nervous of this new journey of what God expects of me. What will people say, where will it take me (out of my comfort zone I know) and what will be the cost. No progress without cost.

Of course there will be a cost ;Can expect judgement and misunderstanding from fellow Christians, opposition from the unbelievers and our enemy.

Jesus was crucified for upsetting the religious leaders, the early church suffered massive repercussions. Yet pushed on. Can we expect any less if we go full on for God?

Romans 8; 17 *he Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

Mathew 5; 10 – 12 *¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

¹¹ "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Listen to Romans 8; 29-30 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn^[a] among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

We are known, chosen, called, given a right standing with God and given His glory

Ephesians 3; 20 – 21 NLT

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

