(13) A Study in Ephesians.

"Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling"

God's Gift of Inner Strength (3:14-16)

For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self...

3 Ways the Holy Spirit Empowers Your Inner Self

1. Opens Your Eyes to Invisible Opportunities

1 John 3:16-18 We

know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

2 Cor. 4:18 "We fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen..."

2. Affirms Your True Identity

Romans 8:14-16

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

3. Reveals, Heals, and Redeems You Weaknesses

Romans 8: 26-27

...The Spirit also **helps our weakness**; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of* God.

Hebrews 4:12 "Exposes our innermost thoughts and desires..."

"Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.