

The Holy Spirit Zone
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Luke 2:25-35 | Simeon's Story
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Warm Up: Read **Luke 2:25-35** aloud. In Bryan's message he talked about being in the "Holy Spirit Zone." Can you describe a time in your life when you clearly heard from the Holy Spirit? What was going on in your life at the time? What was the result of being in the "Zone"?

In **Luke 2:25-26**, we see that Simeon heard from God and responded in faith.

- ❖ How is Simeon described in these verses?
- ❖ Read **Matt. 5:20**. Was Simeon's righteousness greater than the Pharisees? How so?
- ❖ Have a different person read each of the following passages aloud. What do each of these teach us about what makes a person righteous? (**2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 3:21-22, Titus 3:5-6, Rom. 4:3-4**)

Bethany Hamilton (Soul Surfer) was asked the following question: "What does *every step matters* mean to you? She said, "It is clear that every little step you take matters. Every choice you make can hugely affect your future."

- ❖ Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Share how you have experienced this to be true in your life?

Read **Galatians 5:16-18**

- ❖ What does it mean to "walk by the Spirit" or to be "led by the Spirit"? What does this typically look like in your life?
- ❖ Conversely, how do we know when we aren't walking or being led by the Spirit? (See **Galatians 5:19-21, 24, 25**) How do you get back on the path?

WRAP UP: Read **Galatians 5:22-24**. Bryan listed out 8 points of what happens when we are in the *Holy Spirit Zone*. We worship God only. Divine Appointments are accomplished. Our lives are marked by service and love. Relationships work better. We handle disappointments God's way. We have meaningful days. We are focused on what matters for eternity. We are blessed, at peace, and full of joy. Close your time in prayer asking God to help you walk in His Spirit this week. Ask God to lead you into His Divine appointments!