

SERMON NOTES

June 13 & 14, 2026

The Holy Spirit Series: Conviction then Freedom

1. Why does the Holy Spirit convict?

- because we have what the Bible calls a _____

- Sin - Hamartia (Greek): _____ the mark or _____

• not doing _____

• doing anything Jesus _____

• not doing something that Jesus _____

Romans 7:15

2. How do we know it's the Holy Spirit actually convicting us?

Acts 2:37-47

We will be:

- "cut to the heart": the experience of godly _____, _____ and _____

2 Corinthians 7:10

- led to _____, not _____

Acts 2:37

- led _____ God, not _____ God

Vs. 38

- led into _____, not isolation

Vs. 41

- led through _____ for the sake of _____ **Vs. 46**

2 Corinthians 3:17 | Romans 8:1

3. What should we do?

- _____ and _____: Take a step towards God, people and lasting joy

Acts 2:38

Life Steps

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Monday

Romans 7:14

Reflect: What thoughts and/or emotions are stirred when you hear the word “sin”? In your own words, define “sin.” To you, what does it mean to be a “slave to sin”?

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, show me where the X goes (sin is) in my life.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Tuesday

Romans 7:14-15

Reflect: What was your takeaway from the weekend message? How do you relate to the struggle Paul describes in verse 15? Or, how do you relate to the statement “what I hate I do”?

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, convict me of my sin, forgive me, heal me.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 7:10

Reflect: In your own words, in regard to feelings of guilt, regret, and remorse, what is the difference between worldly and godly sorrow? Why is the distinction between the two important? Why does the Holy Spirit want to convict us of sin?

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, reveal what you want me to know about me.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Thursday

Acts 2:22-24, 26-27

Reflect: This passage answers the question: How do we know the Holy Spirit has convicted us of sin? When have you recently felt “cut to the heart,” intense pain in your soul because of godly grief, guilt, and remorse? What does this teach us about the power of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, reveal the scope of your power to me.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Friday

Acts 2:37-47

Reflect: This passage teaches all things we should do when we are convicted by the Holy Spirit. List all the various steps “the crowd” took in response to being convicted by the Spirit. What is your next step? Please visit pathway.church/NextStepsChallenge when you are ready to take your Next Step.

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, reveal my next steps of faith in my relationship with you.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Saturday

Galatians 5:1

Reflect: Do an inventory of the ways God has led you into freedom. Where and/or how are you still being held hostage by some habit, hurt, or hang-up?

Prayer: Take a deep breath. Slowly exhale. Be still and quiet for a few seconds, then pray, “Spirit of the Living God, thank you for all of the ways you have blessed me with freedom.” Be still and quiet in the presence of God as long as you can.

Sunday

Ephesians 6:1-4

Reflect: Today is Father’s Day. As a child or parent, this passage is loaded with emotionally charged statements. Read it several times, slowly. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you today through this passage?

Prayer: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, thank you for being the perfect parent. Best you can, tell God what you appreciate about the person(s) who did or does play the role of dad in your life.