

## LEVERAGING HOLY SPIRIT COURAGE

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Have you ever thought, “I don’t have the courage to speak to someone (e.g., hardcore biker, inmate, hospital waiting room guest) about our Lord?” I know I have, but I know too that when I’m prayed up with words the Holy Spirit speaks through me to our Father, then I’m ready to meet the challenge head on. Absent of this, I’m acting in my own power, which is largely ineffective.

Scripture reads, “Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers ...” (Eph. 6:18, NLT).

Joe is a tenacious Servant Rider. He loves the Lord with a powerful resolve to share his faith with everyone he meets. Joe is a former prisoner who came out of a rough background of crime because someone cared enough to pray for him, to share the faith with him, and he allowed the Holy Spirit to change his life.

Sometimes I think we forget that the Holy Spirit is a gift to us from Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Trinity, and yet we often completely ignore His work in our lives.

One of His tasks is to help us pray for people. He knows better than any of us what a person needs in his or her life. He knows what it will take to bring that person relief or into a closer personal relationship with God the Father. Relying on the Spirit or praying in the Spirit makes perfect sense.

Bikers often have short conversations with other motorcyclists. We may never meet them again, but for the short time God has placed us in a position to minister to them. Paul tells us in Romans that everyone sins and needs God’s intervention and forgiveness, not just the long-haired, tattooed biker who happens to pull up to the other side of the gas pump. *Divine appointment? Could be ...*

We’ve learned from our hospital visits; very few people will refuse prayer on their behalf. Before you act, quietly within the confines of your heart, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words, and then watch what happens. Gaze at a hardened face turned soft when God ministers to a heart through the prayer of an obedient servant.

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