

Volume 3, Day 13: Selfish to Selfless

The idea of laying your life down somewhere for someone is so remote that you would never have thought of it or never wanted to do it. But when we seize the moment and we take the risk to follow what's in our heart, that's how we learn to keep moving this way where this attraction to selfish prosperity, popularity and power gets less, and this attraction to selflessly laying down your life for another gets greater until we find our way to live constantly and consistently this life of the Holy Spirit.

So I guess what I want to encourage you to do is learn to listen to that quiet inner voice of the Spirit. It may be faint, it may be incredibly weak and you're not even sure sometimes if it is the Spirit or your own desire. But if what you're feeling nudged to do isn't mean spirited, isn't going to hurt someone else, isn't demanding someone else serve you, but in fact seems kind, seems generous, seems wise, not by earthly standards necessarily, but by Godly standards, then go ahead and give it a whirl. There is no risk. If indeed the Holy Spirit does not desire it to happen, He will twist your gut.

Take that step forward. The more we learn to respond to this, the freer we're going to be. In the initial days, yes, I can tell you, we're always being pulled back toward religious ways of thinking. We're always pulled back to the way we indulge our flesh. But if you'll just keep walking, just keep listening to the Spirit, you do reach a point at which the gravitational pull of the flesh is less than the gravitational pull of the Spirit. And that's when this journey gets really, really fun. Now, selfishness doesn't draw me back so much anymore. In fact, I don't even want that. I want to live here in the awareness of the Spirit.