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“Driving In The HOV Lane”
Pastor Bob Botsford

Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Referenced Scripture: John 15:1-8, Psalm 40:1-2, Romans 11, 1 Thessalonians 4, Romans 8:14-15

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. There are no unnecessary or insignificant people in the body of Christ. Explain your thoughts.

DIG DEEPER:

1. In **1 Corinthians 12:1-3** Paul tells us to be wary not to follow false teachers, and how to avoid being deceived. What is the practical application of Paul’s caution?
2. In your own words explain what Paul is teaching in **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** about diversities and differences, as well as unity, with regard to spiritual gifts?
3. As true Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, what does it mean that we now have a “new path” around the “gridlock”, “breakdowns”, “frustrations”, “helplessness”, and “powerlessness”? How can fully grasping this change the way you live?
4. As true Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, we have a new path abounding in “love for Jesus”, “conviction of sin”, “understanding of scripture”, “new strength, new mind, new heart”, and “on-board assistance”. In which of the areas have you allowed the Holy Spirit to do a new work in your life? Which areas have you not?
5. In what way is faith the “conductor” of the power and presence of God, and unbelief the “insulator”? How do these two word pictures help you to better understand the heart and nature of God, and the heart and nature of man?
6. Our “spiritual gifts” and “spiritual responsibilities” are not the same. Think about this distinction and discuss.

REFLECT:

1. Each of us has something significant (gifting) to contribute to the body of Christ. What do you have, and how are you using it? If not using it, what is holding you back?
2. In what way does the study of the Holy Spirit challenge or excite you?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:14

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

