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Scripture: Acts 2:36-37 / 1 Cor. 1:18 / 1 John 4:13/ John 14:6/ Rom. 8:17/ Gal. 3:26-27

TITLE: The Unpopular Spirit

What's the fastest way to get blocked from friends on social media? What's the quickest way to not get invited to a social gathering? What's the shortest path to being alienated by family? In my opinion, it's calling out sin. Calling out wrong for wrong and sin for sin is the way to become labeled as intolerant, close-minded, old-fashioned, and not welcome. But did you know that that is one of the primary duties of the Holy Spirit? This may be why He isn't talked about much and is somewhat unpopular.

This week on Win the Day, we are talking about spiritual fitness. And to become spiritually fit, we need a steady diet of truth. That truth comes from our coach and helper, the Holy Spirit. So each day, we are learning more about Him to become spiritually fit. So let's learn more about the Spirit's unique role in the world today.

According to the Bible, The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus, as He convicts individuals of their sin. Acts 2 says this: [“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”](#)³⁷[Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”](#) (Acts 2:36-37, NLT)

The Spirit used Peter's words to convicts their hearts. Each person born is born into darkness. Their hearts are bent towards sin and destruction. It is only the Spirit that can change the heart. God asks us to preach the Good News, but we cannot save anyone. Paul reminds us of that in 1 Corinthians. [“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.”](#) (1 Cor. 1:18).

The message of the cross is foolishness - it's offensive to the lost. That's why Peter called Jesus, “the stone that makes people stumble”. They are offended by Jesus. But thankfully, the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus through the conversion of sinners into saints by regeneration, union, and adoption. Through the Spirit, we are unified with Jesus. Because of the Spirit, Jesus lives in us and we in Him (1 John 4:13). Through the Spirit, we become sons and daughters of God. God is our heavenly Father because of the Spirit's work (John 14:6; Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:26-27).

So now that you know the Spirit a little bit better, here's my challenge for you today: deliver the Good News to one person. How can you organically or naturally share the Gospel with someone in your sphere of influence? What is one activity that you can invite someone who is far from

God to, and weave into your activity the seeds of the Gospel? Remember, the Gospel isn't difficult to remember. Yes, it's offensive, but it's Good News. The Gospel is that Jesus came, died, was buried, and rose again to pay for our sins. All we have to do is receive that gift. So go and share the Good News. It is the power of Salvation.

Share in the comments what you did and how it went. We will pray for that person by name if you share it. So let's go and share in the power of the Spirit. That's a team that is guaranteed to win the day.