



BLP 37. A Pattern For Partnering With The Holy Spirit In Ministry

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Welcome to BLP. In today's episode, Pastor Carter and Pastor Jamie Wamsley explore how to partner with the Holy Spirit while ministering, to be a clearer conduit for God's transformative work. Pastor Jamie currently serves as Associate Senior Pastor at The Chapel, a multi-site church in Chicagoland, where he has been on staff for 23 years.

- **Jesus' Model of Ministry.** // When we examine scripture, we see Jesus didn't wave a magic wand and heal many. He talked, prayed, and laid hands on individual by individual. He did ministry by the thousands, but person by person. We're called to share in the same kind of ministry. John 20:21 (NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." If you take Jesus at face value, he tells us we will do the same things that he did.
- **Presence.** // When you're speaking to someone, quietly invite the presence of God. Begin a dialogue with God. As they are sharing, 'God help me to see this the way you see it. Would you enter into this moment, would you open my eyes and ears, would you help me to hear what you hear, see what you see? God would you speak to me in this moment? Would you be present right here, right now, with me and lead this time?'
- **Revelation.** // As you listen to the person, look at the signals they are sending, but also listen to the voice of God and allow God to give you either an impression, a word, or a sense of something. Look for direction, divine revelation, for the Holy Spirit to lead you in the moment and show you something- it could be a demonic influence, generational sin, past hurt, or a deeper area of brokenness.
- **Breakthrough.** // When you get a sense of what God wants to do in that moment, push for a breakthrough. Use the authority Jesus has given to all believers as His delegated representatives. If it's a dark, demonic force, bind it. The greater the authority you exercise, the softer and gentler your tone can be, to shepherd people more effectively. Tend to them and fight for them to see a breakthrough in that moment. Sometimes it'll seem like nothing happened, sometimes you'll see something unexplainable happen. Regularly engage in the things Jesus did and trust God to do what he's going to do. In ministry, we must go beyond our own toolbox. It's a partnership, it's humble to believe God, Jesus has given us authority.
- **Application to Church Ministry.** // Walking in the flow of who God created you to be and doing the things God created you to do is *life-giving*. Is your church's ministry model



predicated on God's presence or absence? 'If God doesn't show up, we've got to make sure this is still a great experience. We've got to convince people this is awesome and worth giving your life to.' This mindset leads to enormous pressure. Instead, lead ministry predicated on God's presence- 'God, we will choose to believe you're going to show up'. "One thousand hours of incredibly high-quality ministry programming is not nearly as impactful as a single moment with God." Focus on creating moments where people can encounter God, because that will change everything. Church ministry can also be modeled on the same- presence, revelation, breakthrough. Invite the presence of God, ask God to reveal himself to people to help them breakthrough, to surrender to Him.



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