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Unlock Your
Potential

The Right Who and
the Right Tools

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The Right Who

- ▶ Who is making the changes to reach your full potential?
- ▶ Can you change your height?
- ▶ Can you change your heart?
- ▶ How are you going to become the best you if you can't really change yourself?

Good News

- ▶ Following Jesus is not a self-help plan
- ▶ Jesus has the power to change our hearts
 - ▶ My swearing
 - ▶ Lust and pornography

Jesus transforms lives

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- ▶ Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- ▶ 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

The Advocate and Comforter

- ▶ Jesus sent the Holy Spirit
- ▶ John 14:18,26 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. ... But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans

Lives IN us and changes us

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 6:11 - And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit of our God.**

Right Who?

- ▶ Not you!
- ▶ The Holy Spirit - God living in you!

Need right tools

- ▶ Ever tried to pound in a nail without a hammer?
- ▶ How would it work to eat soup broth with a fork?
- ▶ The right tools make things easy!
 - ▶ Electric screwdriver



Holy Spirit Filling

- ▶ Acts 2:3-4 - They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- ▶ Acts 4:13 - When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Happens more than once!

- ▶ Acts 4:31 - After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Holy Spirit has gifts for you

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
- ▶ Different gifts for different people -
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:29-30 - Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

We can/should ask

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 14:1 - Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.
- ▶ Luke 11:13 - If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

How to unlock your potential

- ▶ The who: The who is not you - look to God the Holy Spirit to change you
- ▶ The tools: Use/ask for the gifts that the Holy Spirit has for you to enable you to serve others in ways you wouldn't be able to do alone