



# Overcoming A Miserable Heart

(I Samuel 16:14-23)

Sunday, February 28, 2021 AVBC

\*SPIRIT = that which is \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_.

*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)*

## I. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)

*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there. If I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. (Ps.139:7-10) (also Psalm 51:11)*

- I Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30, Acts 7:51

## II. AN \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRIT FROM THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)

Sometimes God uses \_\_\_\_\_ forces to accomplish His \_\_\_\_\_.

*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to keep many people alive. (Genesis 50:20)*

-Matthew 16:21-23, Ephesians 6, Galatians 5:17

## III. THE SPIRIT THAT CONTROLLED SAUL ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS REVEALED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_.

-Gal. 5:16-25

*Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world...But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. (I John 4:1-4) (NLT)*

### DIGGING DEEPER

(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

Q1: Have you ever gone through a "miserable" time in your life? What did you feel and think during that time? What contributed to your misery? How did you find relief?

Q2: Read Ephesians 4:26-27. According to these verses, what is one of the simplest and most powerful ways that Satan can gain an advantage in our life?

Q3: What are some of the signs that may indicate that the Spirit of the Lord has "departed" from a life, a family, a church?

Q4: Read Corinthians 5:1-5. How does God use evil forces to accomplish His purpose?

Q5: Pastor David mentioned three negative responses we can have towards the Spirit of God; grieve, quench and resist. Which one concerns you the most? Why?

Q6: Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What are some of the positive and proactive things that we, as believers, need to be engaged in? Which action means the most to you? Why?

Q7: Pastor David said that the "spirit" that influences you on the inside will eventually be revealed on the outside. Read Galatians 5:22-26. What do these verses teach us about the outward indicators that God the Spirit is at work in our lives?

Q8: There are times when we can behave like "Terrible Twos" by stubbornly doing our own will. Is there any area of your life where you are blatantly resisting the Holy Spirit? If so, confess that right now and shift from resisting the Lord to resting in the Lord.