

Walking in the Fullness of the Holy Spirit

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08 - Uncommon Sense

Unrestrained, Unlimited, Endless

We will begin with my definition of “uncommon sense.”

“Uncommon sense” is the faith-filled application of biblical wisdom, principles, teachings and examples. We apply these to the ways we think and act. When these faith-filled “uncommon sense” applications do not agree with our “common sense” thinking and actions, we still give them absolute priority.

1 Corinthians 2:1-10 (NKJV)

*“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. {2} For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. {3} I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. {4} **And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,** {5} that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. {6} However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. {7} But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, {8} which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. {9} But as it is written: **“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”** {10} **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.***

In Verse 5, Paul tells us our faith “should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” In the next two verses, Paul says that “the wisdom of God” has been hidden from those who did not follow Jesus, and who crucified Him. Verse 10 tells us this wisdom has been revealed to us. Paul refers to the Gospel and its power to save, regardless of who someone has been or what they have

done. God's wisdom, like the Gospel, has no boundaries or limitations. Like the Gospel, it is liberating. When we apply it to our lives, it takes us far beyond the common sense, in which we normally operate. It becomes "uncommon sense" because few obtain it. Fewer use it, even though it is available to all who diligently seek it. It is "uncommon sense" because when we apply it, we have the power to achieve uncommon results. "Uncommon sense is life changing to those who understand and use it.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 NKJV

"Uncommon sense" is a "freely given" gift.

- It is the application of extraordinary spiritual wisdom, within the natural processes of daily life. Once we have heard and understood what the Holy Spirit is saying, we will know how to proceed. We obey His directions and instructions. Even if it does not seem to align with our common sense, we do it His way. This is "uncommon sense" in action.
- We must be careful never to allow common sense to convince us to disregard this powerful God-given gift of "uncommon sense." We avoid this by applying faith to the process. We believe God is always right. We trust Him all the way to the completion of the process.

What follows is my personal testimony of "uncommon sense." It is a story of the supernatural extraordinary wisdom that made the impossible become reality.

My Testimony of Uncommon Wisdom

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It was a Thursday night in 1997 at our home in Suva, Fiji. We were having our weekly elders' meeting of the Christian Mission Fellowship of Fiji International Church. I was the Senior Pastor. We had just finished a meal and then spent time praying together. Now we began to discuss the business of the church. There were things we desired to do, but we did not have enough money in our church bank account to do them. We always had enough each week to meet our expenses, but not the extra money we needed to expand into additional programs for the Lord. As we discussed

those things we wanted to do, none of us could think of how we might get the resources we needed. One of the elders suggested we pray about it during the coming week. Then, at our next elder's meeting, we might have an answer. We agreed and moved on with the meeting.

The following Thursday evening, we again met at our home. My wife, Nancy, served dinner for the elders, as was our custom for these evenings together. We had fellowship and prayed. Finally, we got down to business. During the past week, I had not heard from the Lord, concerning how we might raise money for the need we discussed in our last meeting. I asked the elders if they had heard from God. Nobody had, and so we still did not have an answer. There seemed to be no way for us to raise the additional funds we needed. We decided to spend more time together in the elders' meeting praying about it.

After praying a while, one of the elders "I have it!" well, that got our attention. It was Bentley Wan Chan, the only Chinese elder in our church. The Holy Spirit responded to our prayers. He put an incredible piece of His wisdom, or as I call it, "uncommon sense" into Bentley's heart.

I have never forgotten it. It became a foundation for the principles by which I have lived through the years that followed. Here is what he said. **"The church should spend money to support an additional missionary!"**

Spending money on another missionary made no sense to our natural ears. We did not have extra funds to do this. However, we all immediately recognize that it was wisdom straight from the throne of God! It was "uncommon wisdom." It made "uncommon sense."

In the next few days, we chose another missionary to support. Immediately, the church tithes and offerings increased and did so greatly! There was more than enough, every week, to do all that was in our hearts. We applied "uncommon wisdom" in faith. God responded. It became "uncommon sense." It had "uncommon results."

I thank God that Bentley Wan Chan heard what the Holy Spirit said and shared it with us. We responded because we knew it was from God. **Even though it made no sense to our natural thinking, it made perfect sense to our spirits. It made “uncommon sense!”** We walked out of our need and walked into destiny. We chose to support another missionary, because we had set our minds on things of the Spirit. He led us to make an uncommon choice and we applied “uncommon sense” in faith. God responded. We received our victory.

Romans 8:5 (NKJV)

Point 22: “Uncommon sense” is the faith-filled application of biblical wisdom, principles, teachings and examples to the ways we think and act. When these faith-filled “uncommon sense” applications do not agree with our “common sense thinking and actions,” we still give them absolute priority.

Point 23: All twenty-two points we have learned require us to have an uncommonly deep relationship with the Holy Spirit.

God always has the answers. We will have access to them as we determine to walk into an increasingly uncommon, deeper, closer relationship with Him. That is the challenge for each of us.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 NKJV

As we read these four verses, they teach us that “uncommon wisdom” and “uncommon sense” is foolishness to the natural man (Verse 14). He cannot know or understand it. He tries to rely on his own common sense. This is a carnal reaction. “Uncommon sense” only comes from what is spiritually discerned and obeyed (again, Verse 14). **Verse 16 puts this entire teaching into one sentence. Paul writes, “But we have the mind of Christ.”** This leaves us with a question:

What will we do with the mind Christ has given us?

Let me challenge you with a final Scripture for this session. (We have referred to it in previously sessions.) ***Romans 12:2 NKJV***

Questions for Discussion

1. What would you say is the greatest benefit of walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is God's love the engine that drives everything?
3. Why was supporting another missionary so effective in the testimony of the elders meeting?
4. What can you do to receive "uncommon" wisdom?

Review of All Twenty-Three Points	
1	Walking in the Spirit is the secret to having peace in our lives.
2	Walking according to the Spirit leads us out of slavery to sin and into liberty in Christ.
3	Living in the "fullness" of Holy Spirit takes us to our destinies, as we go from glory to glory.
4	"Fullness" means, "room for no more." (You have it all within you. When this happens, what you have will spill over onto others.)
5	Your future is decided by the patterns and habits of your life.
6	Living at a normal level is for anyone. God has destined your life to be lived at the highest level.
7	Refuse to accept the impossible. The fullness of the Holy Spirit in your life will make all things possible.
8	Listen carefully. God wants to speak to you even more than you want to hear Him.
9	Worship is a demonstration that breaks chains and opens prison doors.
10	When you have an intimate relationship with God, the words you speak will be infinite in power.
11	When you have an intimate, power-filled relationship with God, you will see far beyond the circumstances of the moment. You will not be alone. You will see Jesus.
12	Rely on the fullness of your faith and power. It will take others out of their personal prisons. (It might even deliver you from yours.)
13	When you demonstrate your faithfulness in God, You will see God's faithfulness to respond to you... with power!

14	Miracles are demonstrations that challenge people to choose between Christ and the ways doubt and unbelief.
15	If you want constant, unlimited power, surrender to all that is necessary to walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
16	Do not waste an opportunity to ask God for what you need that will enable you to make a difference for others. Then, use it wisely.
17	Spiritual wisdom and understanding are effective tools. Sharpen them in your time with God.
18	Be wise and understanding about your rights and privileges as a child of God. Accept them, and the responsibilities that go with them.
19	Use the wisdom of God to make wise choices. As you do, you will have the correct and proper results.
20	Constant wisdom and understanding can be yours when you follow the Word of God.
21	God's kind of thinking - unusual thinking, makes sense for a Christian.
22	"Uncommon sense" is the faith-filled application of biblical wisdom, principles, teachings and examples to the ways we think and act. When these faith-filled "uncommon sense" applications do not agree with our "common sense thinking and actions," we still give them absolute priority.
23	All twenty-two points we have learned require us to have an uncommonly deep relationship with the Holy Spirit.