



SERIES: PRAYER AND FASTING

WEEK 4: BEING WITH GOD

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SERMON SUMMARY

In this deeply personal and Spirit-led message, Mike Uttley reminded us that we are called to be living letters of Christ—visible reflections of God’s presence in a world hungry for truth. Drawing from 2 Corinthians 3, he unpacked how the Spirit doesn’t just live within us; He transforms us from the inside out. Like a house undergoing renovation, our hearts are reformed to reflect God’s righteousness, compassion, and grace. Mike shared powerful stories of real-life transformation, illustrating how God’s Spirit writes His story through ours. We are not simply recipients of grace—we are participants in God’s ongoing work of renewal, and through prayer, surrender, and Spirit-filled obedience, we reflect Jesus to the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh. Invite God to soften hearts and open ears to His Word and His voice. Pray for a renewed desire to be transformed into Christ’s likeness.

ICEBREAKER

- Have you ever known someone who just radiated Jesus? What made them stand out?
- What’s one way God has reshaped your heart over the years?

SCRIPTURE READING

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 3:1–18 TOGETHER.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LIVING LETTERS

- Paul says we are “letters from Christ.” Who in your life has reflected Jesus to you in a way that deeply impacted you?

TRANSFORMATION BY THE SPIRIT

- Mike likened the Spirit’s work to house renovation. Where have you experienced God “renovating” your heart, and what was the outcome?

COMMUNION WITH GOD

- Read Ezekiel 36:26–27 and John 14. What promises stand out to you? What spiritual disciplines have helped you experience God’s presence more deeply?

SURRENDER AND COOPERATION

- Transformation involves our cooperation. Where have you recently had a “not my will but Yours be done” moment?

ONGOING RENEWAL

- Ephesians 5:18 calls us to be continually filled with the Spirit. What helps you live a life of daily renewal?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Spirit dwells within us to transform us into Christ’s likeness.
- We are living testimonies of God’s grace, written not with ink but by the Spirit.
- True transformation is ongoing and requires our daily surrender.

APPLICATION FOR THE WEEK

- Prayer Practice: Each day this week, pray: “Lord, fill me anew with Your Spirit. Renovate my heart. Reflect Your glory in me.”
- Be a Living Letter: Ask God to make you aware of one person this week who needs to see Jesus through your life.
- Memory Verse: “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

CLOSING PRAYER

“Lord, fill us anew with Your Spirit. Renovate our hearts, removing all that does not reflect Your glory. Help us to live as Your image-bearers, bringing Your presence into the world. Lead us to seek Your face, to know You, and to make You known. Amen.”