

# SOIL & SPIRIT

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## ---Message Notes

### Soil and Spirit: 'Love Based Risk'

Pastor Dave Schmidgall, November 13-14, 2021

[Isaiah 65:1-2](#) - A God who says I am here.

**Our culture is self-obsessed with itself but not very self-aware.**

**THE INVITATION: To see beyond ourselves and see a God who says "I am here".**

We're not human beings having a spiritual experience, we're spiritual beings having a human experience.

We get to engage the image of God that is already in people.

**What does it look like for us as a community to see Christ in every single person we encounter?**

[Isaiah 55-65](#) - Hope with a warning.

**This is the gospel according to Jesus.**

[Luke 4:16-18](#) - referencing [Isaiah 61](#)

**THE MISSION OF JESUS:** to restore humanity by setting the oppressed free, liberating humanity from sin and entering the freedom and relationship with God and one another He always intended for us.

By the Holy Spirit we are now sent to live out His mission to restore the world through Him.

**The Missional Church is Risk Based Love**

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**A**ssisting the Poor and Oppressed

**C**aring for the Sick and Sorrowful

**T**ransforming through Reconciliation

God's primary activity is in the world and the church is God's instrument sent into the world to participate in His redemptive mission.

**We must be recovering the call of discipling people**

As the early Church is about to start, Jesus' final words are: [Acts 1:8](#)

What does empowerment of the Spirit mean?

- We are animated by God's Spirit when we take our first breath
- We are indwelled with God's Spirit when we proclaim Jesus is Lord and begin to walk in His ways
- We are empowered to live through God's Spirit to overcome personal & communal sin over and over and over

For the early Church the Spirit is not merely an impersonal force or influence or power. The Spirit is none other than the FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE that God himself would once again be **present with his people**.

Empowerment is formed out of the practice of prayer and walking with Jesus that begins with thanksgiving, followed by the forgiveness of sins, and then inviting Jesus to speak over us as beloved children of God. That is where our identity is restored, and we enter the fullness of God's presence and ask to be empowered.

## Waynetown, Indiana

Brad and Kathryn Eads - [Mission Trip to Waynetown](#)

### 5 Obstacles that Prevent us from Moving:

1. It's hard not be distracted by EVERYTHING
2. We're in a battle over soul level fatigue
3. Justice has become divisive
4. Personal Peace
5. Affluence

"The gospel is a truth widely held, but a truth greatly reduced. It is a truth that has been flattened, trivialized, and rendered inane. What follows is a reduction of the story of God that we tell. The telling of a reduced story takes away the always impressive and authoritative story of Jesus, and siphons it of its transformative power, drains it of its restorative influence, or simply bleeds it dry until it is lifeless." - Walter Brueggeman

**APPLICATION QUESTION:** How do I form and foster and empower God working through my unique design, personality, gifts, sense of movement to love others?

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**A PRAYER to PRAY:** Our Father in Heaven teach us to see everyone we meet as You see them. To see You in them. To recognize Your spirit within them. To return that recognition with love, hope, joy, and peace. Let us be You as we interact throughout our day. Let us spread Your gospel through our actions and words and to truly live as Your hands and feet. We are blessed to know You, let us share that knowledge with others through a calm testimony. One that does not shout, but quietly enters the room with love and says there you are, long before we even think here I am. All this we pray in Jesus name, amen.

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