

Strong In Spirit Conference Overview



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Strong In Spirit greetings to you my friend, I believe God has led you here for a reason. Whether you are a pastor, ministry leader or any other saint, you likely have a hope, goal, dream or vision for your life and your church that you have sunk your teeth into deeply. You've dug into the Bible to learn more about it, prayed over it and shared it with others. You long to see your church rise up and become all God wants it to be according to the vision, hope or dream He's given you.

But whether you are implementing it now or wanting to fan it into a larger flame, you may be missing one key ingredient to bring it all to fruition. My name is Bruce Koester and I've been a pastor for 20 years. A few years ago God downloaded a message into me that utterly transformed my life, and I believe is *absolutely indispensable* for the fulfillment of the dream, hope or vision God has given you and your church! It is the Strong In Spirit message, and it literally burns in my bones to minister to God's people to empower them to rise up and become all He wants them to be and bring to completion the dream or vision He has given you. It can be done!

I. Foundation Of The Strong In Spirit Message

The Strong In Spirit message was birthed out of the following four key passages that form its foundation...

- † Referring to John the Baptist in Luke 1:80, Luke writes, *“And the child (John) grew and became Strong In Spirit, and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.”*
- † Referring to Jesus Christ in Luke 2:40, Luke writes, *“And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.”*
- † To the Ephesians, Paul writes in Ephesians 3:16, *“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being...”*

These three men – Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and by implication, Paul the Apostle who would not have prayed for others to be something he was not – more than any three men who ever walked the earth, turned the world upside down and radically changed the course of all human history. What did each of these men have in common that enabled them to have such an overwhelmingly powerful effect on generations of humanity spanning the last 2,000 years? They are each described in God's Word as Strong In Spirit!

Jesus Himself gave us the best biblical definition of a Strong In Spirit lifestyle in Matthew 11:12, *“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”* I believe the kind of people who change their worlds are Strong In Spirit men and women. No other kind of believer will have such a powerful impact on

humanity, because no other kind of believer has the inner strength that makes them unstoppable, invincible in Christ, heroes of the faith and the enemy's worst nightmare.

II. *The Core Of The Strong In Spirit Message*

The core of the Strong In Spirit message can be summed up in five different ways...

1. To help believers learn to flourish in life instead of just function – to help them thrive in life (John 10:10) instead of just survive.
2. To help believers become Strong In Spirit by learning to live *fearlessly bold lives* – like Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and Paul the apostle all did.
3. To help transform the many “good in spirit” believers we have in our churches today into Strong In Spirit believers who will rise up to become all that God intends for them to be.
4. To help believers live out their destinies in life instead of their histories – by setting them free from their fear-based comfort zones so that they can begin to step out of the boat and walk out on the water like Peter and Jesus did!
5. The Strong In Spirit message will help believers live their lives in such a way that they will be able to join with Jesus Christ and Paul the apostle in saying at the end of their lives, “I finished it” (John 19:30, 2 Timothy 4:7). That is, they actually did all of the work God sent them to this planet to do – not just some of it, not just the easy stuff, not just the parts they were comfortable with – but all of it!

III. *The Life Transforming Power Of The Strong In Spirit Message*

All this is possible, because through this message God did a deep work of inner transformation that has put a far greater confidence, boldness, fearlessness, focus, determination and strength in me than I've ever known before, as well as bonded me to my destiny and purpose in life. This is what He wants for all His saints.

I believe the Strong In Spirit message is one of the foundational keys to seeing God's kingdom really come and God's will really be done in your life and your church. I have every confidence that it will help move your people from intention to action and from mental assent to spiritual ascent!

As I've shared the Strong In Spirit Conference with people from mainline churches to independent churches, over and over again they've shared about its powerful effects in their lives. Let me share with you what the Strong In Spirit message has meant to a few of them...

- † *“Being at the Strong In Spirit Conference was one of the best days of my life – it was simply amazing!”*
- † *“This is the most anointed, of God message I've heard in a long, long time.”*
- † *“Very motivating – Christ centered, mission minded and Spirit filled!”*
- † *“The Conference was Bible-based and...was even better than I had hoped.”*
- † *“I can't describe how meaningful this was for me, it was exactly what the Lord has been dealing with me about. It is one of the greatest needs of the church today.”*
- † *“This Conference is a divine word from God for such a time as this.”*
- † *“Thank you for teaching me the most important lesson in life – what it means to become like Jesus Christ.”*

Conclusion

Part of the beauty of the Strong In Spirit message is that it doesn't bump up into anyone's denominational distinctives – it will resonate equally well in any biblically-oriented congregation from Presbyterian to Pentecostal and everything in between.

Let me share with you the mission statement for this ministry...

- † *Strong In Spirit Ministries exists in order to raise up Strong In Spirit quality disciples like John the Baptist and Paul the apostle – by liberating, strengthening and transforming disciples who will live out their destinies, co-reign with Christ in life, expand God's kingdom on earth, and carry out His works of love. All this is simple Christ-likeness.*

If you would like to know more about this, I encourage you to visit the Strong In Spirit website at www.stronginspirit.com. A fuller description of Strong In Spirit Ministries is posted there, along with my contact information. I would love to talk with you further about the life-changing possibilities of hosting this Conference at your congregation, church retreat, or men's or women's group. I believe this message is a key ingredient in helping you fulfill the vision God has given you for your church, and may well help start a major advance for the kingdom of God in your midst!