

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION

We're in... Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling

Unit 10 Big Question and Answer:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do In God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

PFI ESV Songs 10, Tracks 3,4

Unit 10 Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."
PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 5

BIBLE TRUTH

We're learning... Bible Truth 1:

The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

God is one God, but three persons: God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always existed, delighting in wonderful fellowship together and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand.

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and make them new. The Holy Spirit would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and serve God more and more.

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, as Jesus said He would. He comforted and helped them to live as God wanted them to live.

And God continues to give His Holy Spirit to His people--all those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He gives them each a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them and helps them live for God, too. God can do this in our hearts, too!

BIBLE VERSE

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

CASE STORY

Our story is called:

The Case of the Unbelievable Boldness .

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who had Unbelievable Boldness? What did that boldness give them courage to do?
2. Where did the boldness come from? What did the boldness show others?

This story does not take place in Bible times. It starts out in 1945 in the United States.

Two young men stood slightly crouched, face to face. As the whistle blew, they leap at each other with all their strength. On and on they fought, sweat covering their bodies. At last one young man, the one with brown hair, flung his opponent to the ground. A roar went up from the crowd of hundreds watching them. That brown-haired young man, named Jim Eliot, was their school's champion wrestler and he was starting to get the better of his opponent!

But the contest wasn't over. Jim still had to get his opponent over on his back and pin his shoulders to the mat. Jim flung himself on top of the other man. The man underneath twisted his shoulders this way and that, trying to avoid contact with the mat under him. Jim pushed on and on, until at last the other man was forced to let both of his shoulders touch at once. A loud whistle blew and the referee announced Jim the champion. Everyone cheered!

Jim Elliot was Wheaton College's star wrestler; but he was a lot more than that. He was handsome, smart, very popular, a hard worker and a great student. He even had a wonderful girl named Elizabeth that he loved. With all of that going for him, Jim could have done anything he wanted to after college. But Jim did not want to do just anything. Jim wanted to leave everything behind—even that wonderful girl, if he had to—and go to a wild, unexplored part of Ecuador to find the fierce Auca Indians and tell them about Jesus.

The real name of the Aucas was the "Huarani," which means "people," but the other tribes called them "Aucas," which means "savage." No one wanted anything to do with the Aucas, not even the Jivaros, the head-hunting tribe that lived near them. They were such vicious people that they killed all strangers at first sight. They were even quick to kill each other. Every Auca expected to die one day—at the hands of another Auca!

Aucas lived very simple lives. They had no electricity, only fire. They had few -- if any-- metal tools or weapons. They wore almost no clothes. They gathered roots and berries, they speared fish and killed monkeys with their poisonous blow-darts. They traveled down the rivers of Ecuador in long dugout canoes.

There were only a tiny number of Aucas-- only about 500 in all. No one knew exactly where their villages were; and, because they were such vicious people, no one had really wanted to know. No one, that is, until Jim Elliot. But WHY would he want to do that? Because Jim Elliot was a Christian.

The Holy Spirit lived inside Jim's heart. He helped Jim love God most of all and He placed in Jim's heart a love for the Aucas that made him want to tell the Aucas about Jesus, even more than be a famous wrestler or rich, successful businessman, or even marry Elizabeth, the wonderful girl he loved.

When Jim finished school, he went to Ecuador to seek out the Aucas. Jim knew it would be very hard to find the Aucas. After all, they lived hidden somewhere deep in the wilds of the Ecuador's huge rain-forest. But as it turned out, it was even harder than Jim or the other men traveling with him had thought. They had to tramp through mud up to their knees, swatting mosquitoes with one hand and swinging a machete with the other to cut a trail through the thick jungle growth. They were always on the look out for poisonous snakes and other dangerous animals. It would be easy to want to give up and go home, but Jim and the others kept going. Why did they do that? Because the Holy Spirit lived deep inside their hearts, giving them strength to keep going and even risk their lives to tell others about Jesus.

Deep, deep, deeper into the rain-forest they went until at last they came to Quito, a village of Quechua Indians. The Quechua were the Indians who lived closest to the Aucas. Jim would help the missionaries working there and try to find out more about the Aucas, too. Work was hard and lonely. How glad Jim was when Elizabeth, the wonderful girl he loved and other people joined him in Quito! Together they helped the Quechuas and searched for the Aucas.

Finally one day, Nate Saint and Ed McCully, two of the men who worked with Jim Elliot, spotted a tiny clearing with little huts of wood and banana leaves while soaring

over the jungle in their little plane. They had found the Aucas at last! Jim and the others were so excited. Now they could try to reach the Aucas!

Trip after trip Nate Saint and the others worked to make to the clearing they called Palm Beach. They dropped buckets of presents for the Aucas: cooking pots, machetes and other things the Aucas could use. Over a loud speaker, they would yell, "We are your friends. We want to meet you!" The Aucas filled the buckets with gifts for the men in the "wooden bee", as they called the airplane: parrots, peanuts, and best of all, smoked monkey tail. Yum? Crowds of Aucas now would wait and watch for the airplane to return with its treasures.

At last Jim and the other men decided that it was time to meet the Aucas face to face. Nate Saint landed the plane on Palm Beach. The men got out and set up camp near the plane on the sandy beach. Each night the men radioed back to the women what happened that day. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Each night the men radioed back to the women what happened that day. The women were excited to hear the latest news: they had seen a few Aucas, but no one would come up and talk to them. That was all. They were hopeful, but would need to be patient.

Sunday, the sixth night, came. The woman gathered around the radio again. But tonight, no one signaled them. Monday came. Still no word. Had something happened to the men? A search plane was sent out to Palm Beach to find out. Not long after it set out, it brought back the sad news: there had been a surprise attack of Aucas and Jim and all the other men with him had been killed!

The women and children wept. They had lost their husbands, brothers and fathers! Yet hadn't they been warned?! The Aucas were vicious. They killed all strangers. What had they expected?! The men were buried right on Palm Beach. The women and children went home to the United States.

What that the end of the story? The end of trying to reach the Aucas? No, it was not! Only two years later, Jim's wife, Elizabeth, his little two year old daughter, Valerie, and Nate Saint's sister, Rachel, were back to try to reach the Aucas themselves! Can you imagine? What would make them do that? There was only one answer: the Holy Spirit living inside them! He gave them the strength to forgive the Aucas for killing their men. He filled them with love

for the Aucas, and a strong desire for them to know about Jesus.

The women met a young Auca woman, named Dayuma, who had run away from an Auca village. A man who was angry with her father, killed him and was trying to kill her, too. Dayuma knew that she must never return to the village if she wanted to stay alive. Men would be waiting to kill her. Elizabeth and Rachel took care of Dayuma and loved her. Dayuma helped them to learn her language and when they told her about Jesus, she became a Christian.

Now the Holy Spirit started working in Dayuma's heart. Even though she was very scared that she might be killed, she wanted more than anything else to tell her people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit gave her great courage and love for her people. She knew He would give her the strength she needed.

Dayuma bravely left Elizabeth and Rachel and headed into the jungle to her village. The women waited day after day for Dayuma to return. Finally after two weeks she came back. Her people had not killed her. They had listened to the good news of Jesus and wanted Elizabeth, Valerie and Rachel to come live with them to tell them more!

But would they really go with Dayuma? What if the Aucas were just planning another surprise attack? Could they really be trusted? The Holy Spirit living inside of Elizabeth and Rachel gave them strength. They went to live with the Aucas and it was not long until many of them came to know the Lord-- including the very man who had lead the attack on Jim Elliot and the others! As the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts, many of the Aucas turned away from their hateful, killing ways and loved God and each other. How powerful is the Holy Spirit's work inside His people!

Our Bible Truth is:

The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19

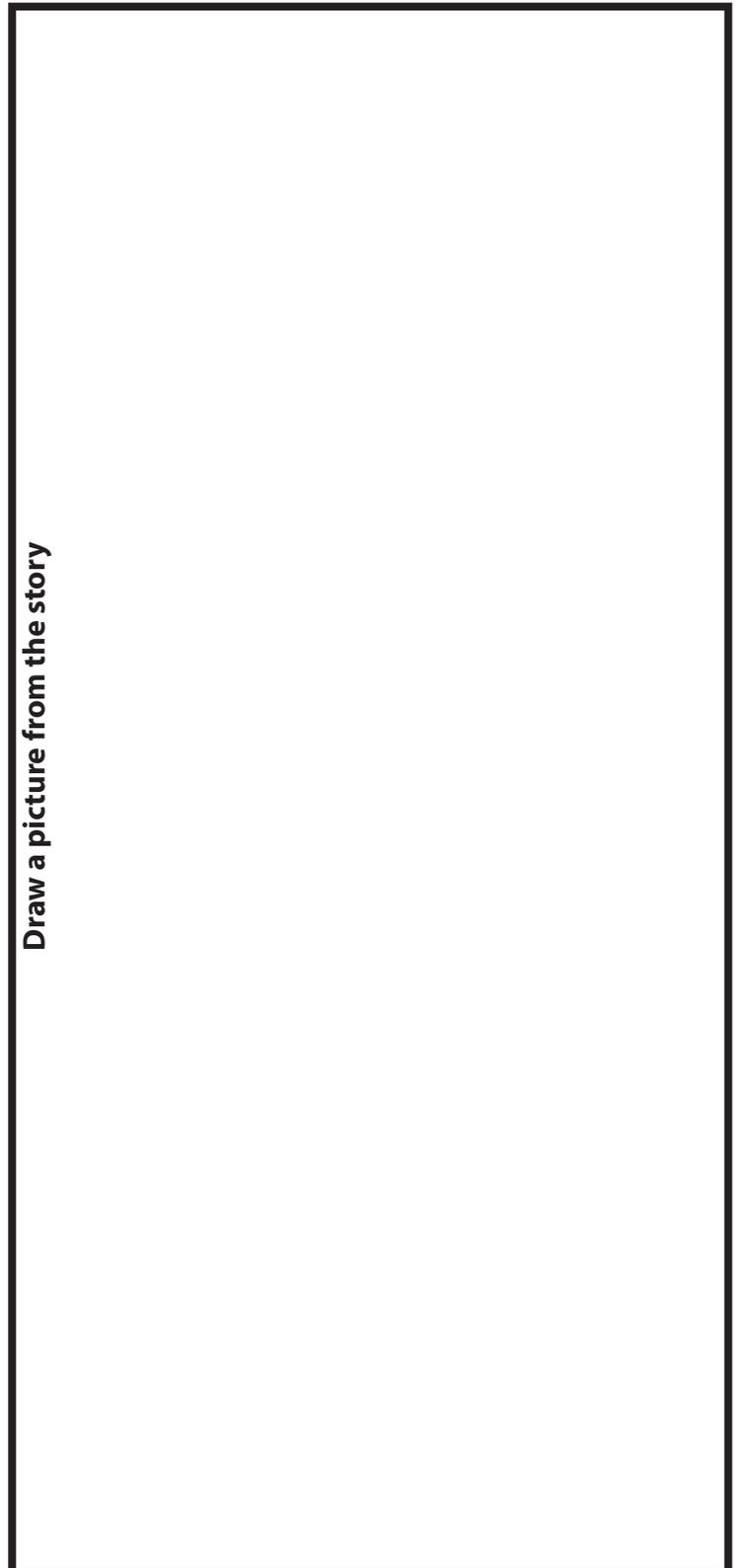
"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

But what about you and me? God did mighty things through His Holy Spirit in all these people, but can He do something mighty in us? Yes, He can!

Yes! Jesus promises that He will through the Holy Spirit living deep inside. Yes, if we are His people. Those who

confess our sins to God and trust Jesus as our Savior, then He will fill US with His Holy Spirit, too. He can give us strength to do mighty things for Him.

Let's praise God who sends His Holy Spirit to live in His people. Let's pray that He would make us His people and fill us with His Holy Spirit and give us the strength and courage to do even great things for Him.



Draw a picture from the story

SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. A Question about the Bible Truth, True or False:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of the first believers, but not to anyone else after them.

Answer: False. God sends His Holy Spirit to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He lives inside all of God's people!

2. Crack the Case Questions

a. Who had Unbelievable Boldness? What did that boldness give them courage to do?

Answer: Jim Eliot, and the men; Jim's wife Elizabeth and the other wives; and Dayuma. To try to tell the Aucas about Jesus, even though they would probably be killed.

b. Where did the boldness come from? What did the boldness show others?

Answer: The Holy Spirit living in their hearts gave them courage to do what God wanted them to do, even though it might cost them their lives. God used their boldness to help the Aucas believe that the good news of Jesus was really true.

3. Fill in the missing words from the Bible Verse:

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Do ___ not know that your body is a temple of the ___ within you, whom you have from ___?"

Answers: not; Holy Spirit; God.

BIBLE TRUTH HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

PFI ESV Songs 10, Tracks 9,10

Verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Verse 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will Thy will,
To do and to endure.

Words: Edwin Hatch Music: Robert Jackson

We are all sinners. We were made to love and obey God, but we have all turned away from that most wonderful of lives. Only God can change us and He can, by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is nicknamed the "Breath of God." Our breath fills our body with the air that it needs to live. The Holy Spirit fills God's people with Himself so that they can know and love God and have His eternal life. God will send His Holy Spirit to work this way in us when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This song is a prayer asking Him to do this.

AN ACTS PRAYER FROM OUR STORY

A=Adoration, C=Confession, T=Thanksgiving, S=Supplication

A God, we praise You for Your powerful Holy Spirit that could even give Elizabeth and the other women love and courage to go to the Aucas to tell them about Jesus.

C God, we confess that just like the Aucas, we are sinners. We have disobeyed You in how we live and how we treat others. We need a Savior!

T God, we thank You for loving the Aucas, even though they had done such terrible things. It was You who sent His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of Jim Eliot and the others to risk their lives to tell them the gospel.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our own Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might know Your close fellowship in our own hearts. Give us love and courage to tell others about Jesus.

BIBLE VERSE SONG

A Temple of the Holy Spirit

PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 11

Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
Whom you have from God,
Whom you have from God.
First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.

Words: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

God created every person with a body and a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes their bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence-- inside their bodies. What an amazing gift from God that we all can have!