

SF 770 - SOUL CARE

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READING REPORT

River Dwellers

“Living in the Fullness of the Spirit”

By: Dr. Rob Reimer

- **Summary of three main points of the author that impacted you.**

I found this book very relatable in some of the personal stories the author shared. We tend to remain trapped in our conflicts or hurt. It is good to be reminded that we all have our troubles and that the Lord still sustains us. We have many biblical references of the promises of God. By hearing someone's story is very insightful and gives me lots of hope in regards to my own trials. I was really impacted when reading in chapter one. I was able to have much of my misunderstanding explained regarding the baptism of the holy spirit. I discovered that the baptism of the spirit is not exclusive that it is indeed for everyone. Also to be informed to have others petition for the baptism of the spirit who are operating in the completeness of it is very enlightening. We have been forbidden in my church to lay hands on others by my current pastor, only he can lay hands on others when praying for them.

Although I am aware about confessing our sins and repentance it makes so much sense when one is desiring to receive the baptism of the spirit, that they be aligned with God through that soul cleansing. I always felt at times that I was hearing from the spirit I just never knew the ways and means that the Holy Spirit operates when speaking to us. I never knew that those nudges were whispers, why I was compelled to do or say something that I know was pleasing to the Lord to strangers. I was prompted to give a couple twenty dollars on the train and my mind was saying five is enough. I now have confirmation that the Holy Spirit is operating in me and I have some work to do within me to operate in its fullness.

I was captivated regarding the coverage of the audible voice of God. I was wondering to myself it was about two years ago I was in very down state and I simply laid in my bed to attempt to

cry myself to sleep. I heard my mother call my name SANDY, she had been deceased about four years then. Hearing her call my name activated me into feeling better, the sadness was no longer present. I wonder did God use her voice to speak to me to pull me out of my state of sadness...

Chapter five dealing with disappointments one of my favorite scripture is Romans 8:28. I have had to remind myself in my lifetime that there is a purpose for my pain. What God has brought me to he shall bring me through. To be honest I have been experiencing these in the river bend for over a decade. I get a bit of relief, overcome a trial and I am smacked with another one. I have learned to deal and this concluding chapter has given me solace as well as some motivation when I am up for my next trek through life's terrain.

- **Interaction - how does the reading interact with your present or anticipated ministry context?**

After reading Living in the Fullness of the Spirit, I would say I received lots of conformation in regards to my thoughts of how the spirit reacts within us. I feel that many christians are not aware of the ways and means that the spirit speaks to us. Many may be awaiting for that audible voice and never realized that the spirit have spoken to them many times, just not the way they anticipate the spirit would. Regarding my ministry I would like to do more biblical research and utilize this book in a small group and or bible study. The body of Christ needs to be more in the know and this is necessary for all believers in their journey. It will eliminate some of the second guessing that many of us were doing, if we in fact surrender and get our life in order with God.

● *Answer the following questions within your reading report:*

• **How will this book impact your theology and praxis of soul care?**

I know that I have to personally live better to hear from the spirit much more clearer. Pray for more guidance and to hear correctly and directly from Lord. I must continue to walk by faith. I recall I went to a concert featuring Shirley Caesar a year ago and I was experiencing lots of turmoil and when I walked passed her I said to her I just had to touch the hem of your garment. It was symbolic for me, I know she was not Jesus but I do believe she has the holy spirit all over her. I actually received relief the very next day, I had unwavering faith. I will also like to return to laying hands on people with permission from them when I pray as well as have those who I believe are walking in the fullness of God to rest their blessed hands upon me in prayer.

• **How has the book impacted your life personally?**

This book was written extremely well. I found this book to be vivid in the shared stories and selected bible passages, which is really helpful and makes reading more exciting as well as illuminating. After reading this book I feel that my eyes are more open to what the Lord has for me as a believer, follower and a servant of the Lord. This book has given me courage in areas of ministry that I felt hindered. I shall walk in the fullness of spirit and bring more people to Christ in a more powerful way as I seek and hear from the Lord. All in all this was a very good read and packed with a wealth of information for anyone that is serious about the ministry.

With integrity, I have read this book:

Thoroughly and Entirely—____%

Quickly but Completely 85%

Thoroughly but NOT Entirely—____%

Quickly and NOT Completely—____%

Not at all—____%

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