

WORD

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THE CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP

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MATTHEW 28:18-20

1.

PREVENIENT GRACE

Total depravity

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape, featuring sandy dunes, sparse vegetation, and a clear sky. A horizontal film strip with rectangular frames is overlaid at the top of the image. The text "JUSTIFYING GRACE" is prominently displayed in the center, with "Salvation" written below it in a smaller font.

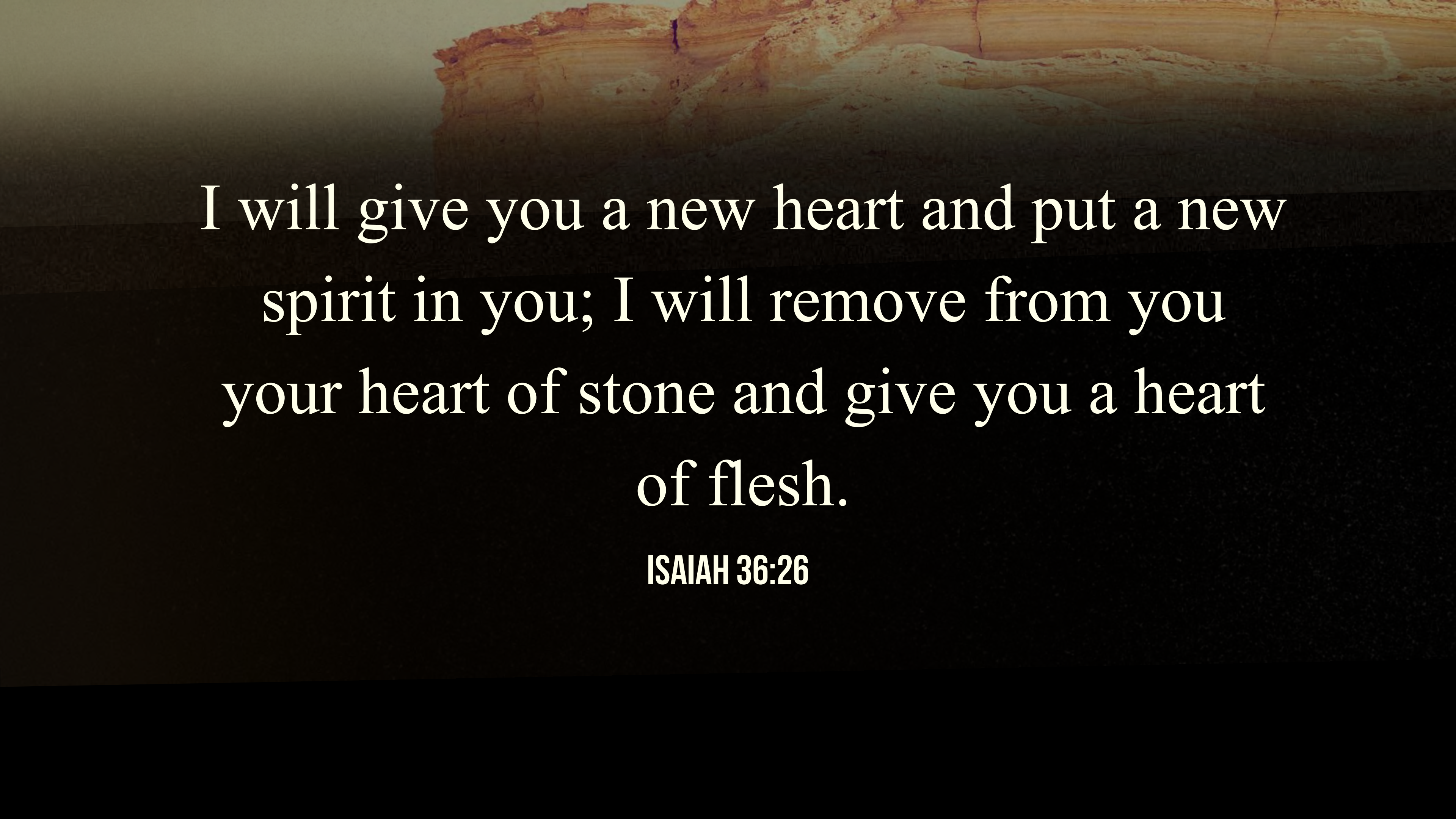
JUSTIFYING GRACE

Salvation

2.

SANCTIFYING GRACE

Maturity/holiness



I will give you a new heart and put a new
spirit in you; I will remove from you
your heart of stone and give you a heart
of flesh.

ISAIAH 36:26

A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly,
nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and
circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the
Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's
praise is not from other people, but from God.

ROMANS 2:28-29

MARK 8:34

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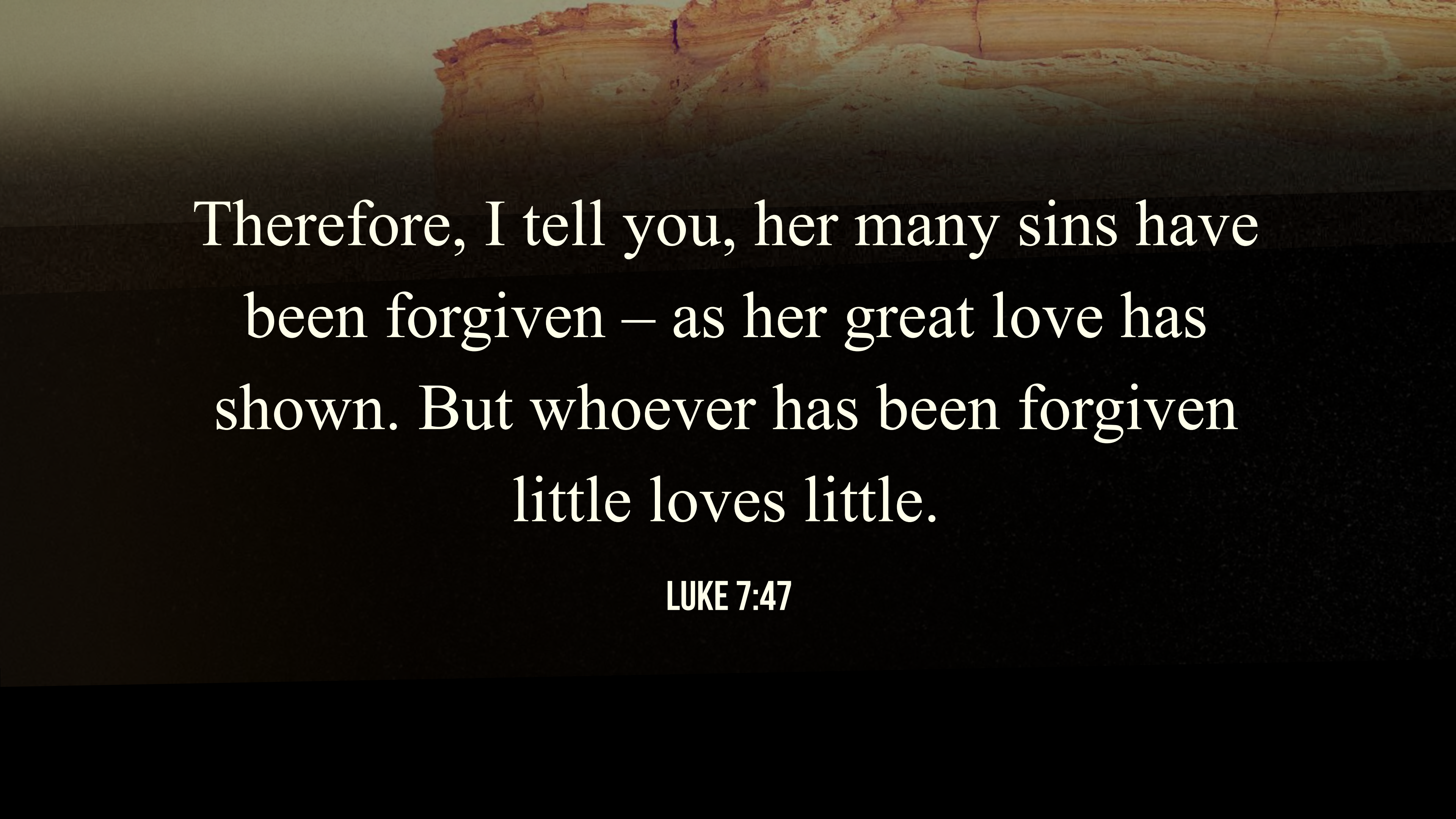
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obedience



Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have
been forgiven – as her great love has
shown. But whoever has been forgiven
little loves little.

LUKE 7:47

THE HOLY SPIRIT

1) Testifies that we are children of God

Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

2) Reveals and guides us into truth, convicts us of sin

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Rom 8:27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

3) Intercedes for us in prayer

Rom 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

4) Teaches/reminds us of Jesus' words & advocates for us

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

5) Empowers us to witness for Jesus

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

6) Pours God's love into our hearts

Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



SANCTIFICATION

= PROCESS OF BEING MADE HOLY

**= TRANSFORMATION OF THE
HEART**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves from the bottom left towards the center. The ground is rocky and sparsely vegetated. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, tans, and muted blues. The text is overlaid in a white, cursive font.

How can we practise receiving from the
Holy Spirit?

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#1: POSTURE

Approach God in prayer from a posture of brokenness and contriteness of heart

#3: TIME

Spend crazy amounts of time with the Lord, listening and seeking His heart, reading/studying His Word

#2: PERMISSION

Give Him permission to speak whatever He wants to say and to deal with any area of your heart or life

#4: ATTENTION/ COMPANY

Attention beats company, but company is good too

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain (mesa) rises against a clear sky. The foreground is a vast, sandy desert floor with some sparse, low-lying vegetation. The overall tone is warm and arid.

What we're after is a
CHANGE of HEART