

## HOLY SPIRIT: COMPELLED BY THE SPIRIT

“When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 18:5).

When we are compelled by the Spirit, the Holy Spirit directly presses on our spirit to do something. I was at Thompson Falls Kenya, sitting under a tree reading my Bible when I saw a man walk by a few yards away. I returned to reading my Bible, and the Holy Spirit strongly impressed me to follow the man and testify to him about Jesus. He joined a conversation with several men, where I caught up with him. I presented the Gospel to him and the whole group. Before I left I prayed with every man except him to receive Christ. He told me he would think about it. The next year I returned and found the man in the same place. He had received Jesus as his Savior, and he requested a Bible. If I had not listened to the compelling of the Holy Spirit, none of those men would have been saved that day. “Compelled” comes from a word meaning to arrest or to preoccupy. That is exactly what happened in my spirit that day. The Holy Spirit arrested and preoccupied my spirit when I wanted to finish my Bible reading. I knew God was wanting me to witness to that man. When you are taken with a strong impulse in your spirit to do something, pay attention to it. Paul did that and testified to the Jews, even though they opposed him. It was because of their rejection that he went to the Gentiles (Acts 18:6), and many in Corinth believed and were baptized. When you notice the direct impression of the Holy Spirit, know that God is leading you.