

**Vintage: Ancient Faith for Today
Improvising with the Holy Spirit
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Our faith is vintage, with deep historical roots, and still as relevant today as it was in the days when Jesus walked with his disciples. If our faith is so old, how can it still be valuable and relevant today?

1. Read some of the following scriptures about the Holy Spirit:

- Romans 15:13
- Isaiah 11:2
- John 14:16-17 and John 14:26-27
- John 15:26
- Ezekiel 36:27
- Psalms 138:7-8
- Titus 3:5
- Acts 9:31

According to these scriptures and the message delivered by Sally, what are some of the things that the Spirit of God does for followers of Jesus?

2. Consider the scenarios below, and ponder/discuss where you fall on the spectrum of responses:

When planning a trip, I...

Plan my full itinerary well in advance. Know all my stops and map out my route. Make reservations in advance for lodging, activities and meals.

Jump in a car and go where the road leads me! Feel free to stop where I wish, choose my activities on a whim, and eat when and where I feel like it at the time.

When running a meeting, I...

Create an agenda and follow it strictly, preferring that others do the same.

Allow the conversation to flow and adapt, even if the agenda gets off schedule and the topics get off track.

When building something, or cooking I prefer to...

Have a clear recipe or instructions and follow them precisely.

Figure it out on my own or create my own version of something.

3. If you are more in the left side of the columns, are there times or ways in your life that you do improvise? If you are more in the right side of the columns, are there times or ways in your life when you are more of a planner or rule-follower?

4. When you think of God's plan for us, do you think about it being more static and laid out, or more improvisational?

5. In what ways does the Holy Spirit speak to you and move you personally?

6. As followers of Jesus, what habits can we develop that free us to improvise with the Spirit of God?

7. Read Galations 5:22-23. How do we know when our improvisation is truly inspired by the Spirit of God?