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● Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **Living In the Consciousness Of The Holy Spirit**

The title of this podcast may sound questionable, but coming to the reality that the Holy Spirit Of God lives in you after you’re born again is more than earth shaking.

The first time this happened to me was when I was about twenty one years old. I was a musician just starting out at being a lounge entertainer at a piano bar.

I had started with a group of musicians from school that played at the “B” football games doing songs like **“On Wisconsin”** in Dixieland style. We were part of the marching band and already played most of these songs at the regular football games.

We had a good reaction from the people at those games but soon the school said we couldn't play there because of insurance restrictions.

After that we experimented with a thirteen piece dance band, a seven piece dance band, but finally ended up with a four piece group which we worked until after High School.

Because one got married and another started his own business, not everyone could play the venues and I ended up playing piano bar where my quartet had been playing private parties.

My parents had been in "show business" for many years before they settled in California and were not happy to know that I wanted to be a professional musician. They had seen many negative outcomes of the musicians they worked with and wanted a better life for me. I don't know if it was an Italian thing but my dad thought I'd better have a backup profession like being a barber.

I had been attending Glendale College as a business major with a minor in theater arts. Because of the theater arts involvement of a musical production at Holy Family High School I happen to meet the woman who was to be the love of my life and the mother of my four children.

American Barber College was 6 months long and you get your license and start working. I did that and soon I was managing a shop in La Crescenta; opening at 8am and closing at 6pm and then going home eating, showering and going to the piano bar at 9pm and working to 1:30am. Six days a week! I did this for about six months before realizing this routine was going to kill me.

I had to make a decision! I was engaged to be married and if I was able to exceed in my music and entertainment skills, I could make a better salary playing four or five hours every evening and have more time to spend with my family during the day.

I made a choice. I made an effort to make a living working locally and not travel on the road. I could be home every day and have time to share and raise a family.

It was at this time I experienced the consciousness of the Holy Spirit. I had been working one night at the piano bar for about a half shift and I took a break. Some guys came to me and said, ***“We don’t like your music and we’re going to beat the hell out of you.”***

I asked them what they didn’t like and why they would do that. They said ***‘they didn’t like the way I looked and they were going beat me up.’*** There was about three or four guys and one of them did the talking.

I didn’t know what to say but all of a sudden what came out of my mouth was something I would have never thought of and it was like I was listening to it for the first time. What I said and what they heard was, ***“Only with God’s permission!”*** The leader of pack said, ***“What did you say?”*** And it came out of my mouth again.

Then he said to the rest of the guys, ***“Let’s get out of here!”*** The other guys complained and said to him, ***“Why? What are you doing?”*** And he said to them, ***“C’mon, lets go, Let’s get out of here!”*** And they left. I never saw them again.

I often wondered what happened that night and what made those guys leave. I now believe that whatever happened, the Holy Spirit protected me and somehow scared them away.

You can see other examples of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our family from other podcasts that exist on my website; www.carlvasta.com/seeds/ and look in the index for the 39th podcast titled “How Do You Know You’re Saved”.

I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Holy Spirit will help you make decisions that will get you through the daily troubles that life will bring you.

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And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God.** And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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Ending The Program

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New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time. ***God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .***