Lesson 3

Becoming a Dwelling Place



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Before God fills a place, He forms a people.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)
“Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God lives in you?”
Throughout Scripture, God is always looking for a place to dwell, but that place is never just a building.

- God walked with Adam in a garden.
- God dwelled in a tabernacle in the wilderness.
- God filled a temple made of stone.
- God clothed Himself in flesh through Jesus Christ.

And now, God desires to dwell in His people.

Before God filled any structure, He always formed hearts.

When God needed a dwelling place in the wilderness, He did not start with crowds or excitement. He started with preparation. The tabernacle followed exact instructions, precise measurements, and intentional craftsmanship because God's presence is precious and purposeful.

Scripture tells us the first person specifically described as being "filled with the Spirit of God" was Bezaleel, not a preacher or a singer, but a builder. He was filled with wisdom, understanding, and skill so he could construct a place worthy of God's presence.

This teaches us something important:

The Spirit of God is not only for inspiration, it is for transformation and function.

- Our lives are the first sanctuary God wants to fill.
- Our habits form the framework.
- Our obedience lays the foundation.
- Our faithfulness determines what God can rest upon.

God does not pour glory on disorder. He dwells where preparation has taken place.



Application for the Family

- God is not asking us to be perfect, He is asking us to be prepared.
- When our lives align with God’s purpose, our homes become places of peace, worship, and spiritual growth.
- Families who prepare space for God’s presence become carriers of hope for future generations.
- Becoming always comes before building.
- Who we are matters more than what we do.

Family Discussion

- What does it mean that our lives are God’s temple?
- What habits help God feel “at home” in us?
- What changes can we make so our family becomes a place where God dwells?

Family Prayer

“Lord, we recognize today that our lives belong to You. Before You fill anything we build, You desire to dwell in us. Shape our hearts, our habits, and our choices so we become a place prepared for Your presence.

Build strong foundations of obedience in our lives. Help us develop faithfulness in the small, unseen things. Teach us to value preparation over attention and consistency over comfort.

Make our home a sanctuary where You are welcomed daily, not just with words, but with the way we live. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can build, serve, and become everything You have called us to be.

We offer You our lives as a dwelling place. Live in us, lead us, and use us for Your glory. Amen.”