

Bay City Wesleyan Church
August 19, 2018

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Sunday Morning 08-19-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

I'm a fan of detective and crime-solving television shows. Lately, I've enjoyed the CSI series, NCIS, and Criminal Minds. When I was younger, I liked to watch Columbo, Kojak, and Hawaii Five-0.

New series like Criminal Minds talk about a killer's "signature" - the unique way they commit their crimes.

Older shows used the letters M O to describe the same idea. They stood for modus operandi or mode of Operation.

We all have our MO's even though we're not characters in a crime show. Each of us has unique approaches to the things we do. It's part of being a person.

Over the next four weeks, we will discover the Holy Spirit's MO. We'll discern his signature moves.

Acts of the Apostles 2:37-39 NLT

37</small> Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38</small> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39</small> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

<https://bible.com/bible/116/act.2.37-39.nlt>

John 3:16 NET

16</small> For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/jhn.3.16.net>

Sermon in a Sentence:

The Spirit freely gives grace to every person regardless of what he/she has done or who the person is.

Ephesians 5:13-14 NLT

13</small> But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, 14</small> for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

<https://bible.com/bible/116/eph.5.13-14.nlt>

The Holy Spirit's love is reaching out to you. Say yes to his invitation and ask him to do what only he can do.