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FOREWORD

Forget Harry Potter and Hogwarts. We know very well that real spirits exist in the communities of the world today. The spirit of Pharaoh holds people captive in the Egypt of spiritual bondage and fear. The spirit of Goliath still mocks and intimidates the children of God. The spirit of Jezebel continues to make men and women hide in caves of sexual perversion and other unspeakable sins. The spirit of Absalom divides homes, churches, and relationships, while the spirit of Herod kills the young through abortion, violence, poverty, and sex trafficking, murdering good and godly young dreams and visions.

Yet there is a Spirit more powerful than these combined forces. In the midst of moral relativism, cultural decadence, spiritual apathy, and ecclesiastical lukewarmness, the most powerful spirit alive today is not the spirit of Pharaoh, Saul, Absalom, Goliath, Jezebel or Herod; the most powerful Spirit on the planet is none other than the Holy Spirit of almighty God, the Comforter indeed. As God spoke through the prophet, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts” (Zech. 4:6).

Jesus didn’t say, “Be touched, caressed, motivated or excited by my Spirit.” Through Paul, He said, “Be filled with the Holy Spirit” (Eph. 5:18). Why? Because the Spirit of God empowers us to live in freedom (2 Cor. 3:17). He enables us to experience God’s