**Surrender to the Father
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Acts 19:1-7 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

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1. People sometimes have difficulty releasing to the Holy Spirit for various reasons.
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5. Sometimes it is concern over losing control.
6. Sometimes it is a misunderstanding of how the release comes.
7. **Let’s help overcome these barriers.**
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18. In America we are very self-conscious and highly resistant to letting go.
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Closing ~ If you have already received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues then exercise your gift. If you have not received continue seeking God and surrender.

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