



Word Notes: Sunday 25/02/18

Tony Hodge: Ghost Busters 3 – Keeping in step with the Spirit

Series text: Joel 2:28, 29.

Topic Text: Galatians 5:25

### **Summary**

Like our phone battery or an electric car, regular filling with the Holy Spirit will keep us moving in gifts, in power and in yielding fruit. Right at the beginning of the Bible it is intimated that God would walk with man in the garden (Gen 3:8). Now that the presence of God in the world is in us through the Holy Spirit, let's keep in step with him in our walk with God.

### **Study & Application**

- Tony mentioned 5 ways to keep in step: Worship, Word, Pray in tongues, Fasting and Submission to God. Rank these in order of how much they feature in your regular walk. Would you want to change that ranking by making more priority for one or other?
- Praying in tongues has been described as a “Gateway Gift” in that it firstly builds up the believer himself and secondly gives space to the Spirit in our lives. How do tongues feature in your walk? What is your view on speaking tongues out loud, in private and in meetings? (See 1 Cor 14:4,5, 18 & 39).
- In session 1 we looked at ways we might discourage the Holy Spirit in our lives. Gal 5:24 & 25 link submission to God through putting the old nature to death and walking in step with the Spirit. How do these two things work together? Are gifts denied if we put a foot wrong or fruit dry up if we fail to pray in tongues each day? Share your experiences both of seeing the Spirit move and yourself grow and of times of dryness. How can we keep on being filled and live a life of power and fruitfulness?