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Does this sound like your church experience?

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Why can't we see Jesus move in our lives like He did in the past?

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Is the problem with Him?

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Is the problem with Him?

Or could the problem rest with us?

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That's You and Me!

The Gifts of the Spirit

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Four Lists

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Romans 12:6-8

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1 Corinthians 12:28

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Ephesians 4:11

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