

# Catch the Wind

## Message 1: The Call to Live Spirit-Led.

We are called to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, not by our strength.

The church is the most empowered, supernatural, and holy arrangement.

## Living in the church age.

The age of the church (us) is governed, directed, corrected, and motivated by the Holy Spirit.

He works with the individual and the corporate.

## Why Wind?

That's how he displayed himself to the Church the very first time He made himself known to them.

*On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

—Acts 2:1-4 NLT

## **The Holy Spirit's embrace is directly related to His work among us, His work for us, and His work through us!**

*Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.*

—Ephesians 4:1-4 NLT

Many Christians live life trying to row when God wants them to sail.

Jesus promised greater works because He would send the Holy Spirit to empower us.

### **1. His Going Is Our Empowerment**

**He gave us the sails, but the Holy Spirit is the one who fills them...**

*But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.*

—John 16:7 NLT

## **2. Jesus' Promise Requires the Spirit's Power and Our Surrender to it.**

*I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*

—John 14:12 NLT

**Not because we're greater, but because the Spirit empowers us.**

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'*

—John 16:13-15 NLT

## **3. Without the Spirit, Life Becomes Meaningless**

The activity Jesus needs us to be involved in is to be based on living on purpose for him and his kingdom.

We chase the wind instead of being empowered by Him.

We aren't called to chase meaningless things but to catch the true Wind — the Spirit.

But when the wind blows — movement happens without striving.

## **Catching the Wind starts with surrender, not striving.**

Are you catching the Spirit's wind, or chasing your own ambitions?

You are the church, and both individually and corporately we are what the Holy Spirit needs to complete the mission of Christ.

## **Personal Reflection**

1. Have you ever seen God use the stormy winds of life for your good?
2. What kind of wind is blowing in your life right now?
3. What kind of wind do you need to blow in your life?