

Message Title: The Holy Spirit - The Wind in Our Sails

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## **Opening Thought**

Many people are hungry for more of God. We are seeing signs of renewal and awakening across our nation — people seeking truth, buying Bibles, filling churches, and turning to Jesus. Could this be the beginning of revival?

Today's conversation centers on the One leading this movement — the Holy Spirit. We'll talk about who He is, what He does, and how we can walk in His power daily.

### **Scripture Focus**

- Genesis 1:2
- John 14:16-17
- Acts 5:3-4
- John 3:5-6
- 2 Corinthians 3:17–18
- 1 Corinthians 6:19
- John 14:26
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:4, 11

## 1. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is not an *it* or a *force*. He is God Himself — the third Person of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus described Him as a Helper, Comforter, Advocate, and Friend.



#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How have you typically viewed the Holy Spirit as a person, a presence, or a power?
- 2. What difference does it make in your relationship with God to think of the Holy Spirit as a person you can knowrather than an energy you feel?
- 3. Read John 14:16–17 what do you notice about how personal and relational the Holy Spirit is?

# 2. What Is the Role of the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit of God is active in every believer's life. He changes us, dwells in us, teaches us, empowers us, and enables the supernatural.

a. The Spirit Changes Us

(John 3:5–6; 2 Corinthians 3:17–18)

He gives new life, brings freedom, and transforms us to reflect the image of Jesus.

- Where have you seen evidence of the Spirit changing you or someone you know?
- What are areas in your life that still need His transforming power?
- b. The Spirit Dwells in Us

(1 Corinthians 6:19)

Our bodies are His temple — He makes His home in us.

- How does knowing the Spirit lives in you affect how you see yourself and your purpose?
- c. The Spirit Teaches Us

(John 14:26)

He brings truth to mind, reminds us of Scripture, and helps us understand God's Word.



When has the Holy Spirit helped you remember a verse, word, or truth at the right time?

### d. The Spirit Empowers Us

### (Acts 1:8)

He gives us boldness to witness and strength to do what we can't in our own power.

- What's something God may be asking you to do that feels "beyond your ability"?
- How might the Holy Spirit empower you to do it?

### e. The Spirit Enables the Supernatural

### (Acts 2:4, 11)

He works in unique ways through each believer — not always the same expression, but the same presence.

- Why do you think God expresses His Spirit in so many different ways?
- What's one "supernatural" way you've seen God move in your life or others'?

# 3. How Do I Harness More of the Holy Spirit?

a. Surrender Daily to His Leading

Ask God each day, "Holy Spirit, lead me today." Let Him guide your thoughts, words, and steps.

### b. Prioritize God's Presence

Spend time in prayer, worship, and the Word. The more you recognize His presence, the more aware you become of His movement.

c. Live in Christian Community



The Holy Spirit works powerfully among believers who seek Him together.

# **Group Reflection**

- What's one way you can "set your sails" this week to catch the wind of the Spirit?
- How would our church and our community look different if we all lived fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit?

# **Closing Prayer**

Invite the Holy Spirit to fill your group anew. Pray for:

- Sensitivity to His voice
- Courage to obey
- Unity and power in your community
- Revival in hearts, homes, and cities