

## SESSION SIX

### “The Wind Behind the Wave”

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” Luke 4:18,19*

*“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49*

There are two scriptures that summarize the ministry of Christ in the gospel of Luke.

The first scripture describes the first wave of Jesus’ ministry, the second scripture describes the second wave.

Both scriptures reveal the force behind both waves-- the wind of the Holy Spirit.

The first wave is the Holy Spirit wind blowing through the humanity of Christ.

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The second wave is the Holy Spirit wind blowing through the humanity of believers in the church.

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Jesus began his ministry announcing the first wave.

*“And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.” Luke 4:20*

*“And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’” Luke 4:21*

Immediately prior to his ascension, Jesus declared the second wave.

*“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49*

The force of the second wave does not depend on your sails, but on the wind in your sails.

*Are you clothed in the Holy Spirit?*

1. When the wind fills your sails, you will be full of the Word.

*“Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’” Luke 24:44*

2. When the wind fills your sails, you will be full of repentance.

*“And the repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” Luke 24:47*

3. When the wind fills your sails, you will be full of the Gospel-- full of soul-winning.

*"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead... You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46,48*

4. When the wind fills your sails, you will be full of the Holy Spirit.

*"And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49*

This is one of the great Trinitarian texts of scripture.

#### ACTIVATION

The ascended Christ is here today to fill your sails.

*"And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with a great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." Luke 24:50-53*

Jesus is standing over you with arms outstretched, blessing you with the promise of the Father. He now wants you to receive the wind of empowerment.