

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Who is the Holy Spirit and what difference does He make? What are the gifts of the Spirit and how do they work? What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit and how do I know if I am? Let's we take a deeper look at the most misunderstood person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit, and how He changes you from the inside out.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

**Being Filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you,
He makes me better than me.**

Ru'ach – a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.

Genesis 1:2 (NIV)

pneuma – a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

Matthew 3:11 (ESV)

Four Ways of the Wind:

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| - Wind is unseen | John 14:16-17 (NIV) |
| - Wind is unpredictable. | John 3:8 (ESV) |
| - Wind is unstoppable. | Acts 1:8 (ESV) |
| - Wind is uplifting. | 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (ESV) |

The Inside Out Challenge:

- Release your fears and misperceptions.
- Renew your commitment to God
- Receive an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) What has been your understanding of The Holy Spirit? What has your experience been?
- 3) How have the "Four Ways of the Wind" played into your understanding of the Person of The Holy Spirit? Which of the four challenge you the most? Explain.
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 13:14. Share how you have (or have not) experienced the Love of the Father, the Grace of Jesus, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Will you take part in *The Inside Out Challenge*? What fears and /or misperceptions do you need to release? How will you renew your commitment to God? Describe what you believe an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit can look like.