

The image features a central tree with a brown trunk and branches, adorned with green leaves and large, stylized blue flowers. A red banner with the word "MANTRAS" in white, bold, uppercase letters is superimposed over the tree's trunk. The background is a light brown, textured surface with a repeating pattern of various tools and symbols, including axes, saws, and circular objects. The overall style is reminiscent of a book cover or a decorative poster.

MANTRAS

Mantras (April 11 to May 9)

Teams and businesses often use mantras to inspire, to remind, and to define. From “Just Do It” to “Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can’t Lose,” these mantras are memorable. Likewise, every church has metaphors or phrases helping define core values, vision, and mission. Redemption is no different. These phrases help us define what this church is all about. Phrases like “Be The Branch,” “Catch The Wind,” “Grip The Plow,” “Empty The Jar,” and “Wreck The Roof” are quick and memorable ways for us to remember to keep our eyes focused on the true priorities of Jesus and His church.

Group Discussion

Scripture: John 3:1-8

Getting started: *Which is more important to you: Independence or Dependence? Where do you fall on the spectrum between these two values:*

(Independence) 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 (Dependence)

1. Read John 3:1-2. Who was Nicodemus? Why do you think he came at night?
2. Read John 3:3-7. Why is being born again essential for salvation? What are the details of your own rebirth? Did the wind blow gently? Did a brisk breeze ruffle you? Did hurricane winds knock you down?
3. Read John 3:8. What metaphor does Jesus use to explain how the Holy Spirit works? Why is this such a good metaphor?
4. In our personal life and in the ministry of our church, we want to work and make things happen. Why must we value dependence on the Spirit over independence and doing things on our own strength?
5. What are obstacles to catching the wind?

Next Steps

How can you catch the wind this week?

- When God is moving you toward a difficult conversation ... **catch the wind.**
- When you're scared about a new opportunity to serve ... **catch the wind.**
- When you're not sure where to go or what to do next ... **catch the wind.**



*May 14 & 15. A two-day event for men.
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