

Riding Giants Part 2_MA

Life with God is an adventure. We were not created to stand on the beach and watch but to get in the water and ride giant waves, living life with great momentum, significance, and purpose.

Romans 8: 5-11 Passion

5Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. 6For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. 7In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! 8For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh. 9But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him. 10Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. 11Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God's Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!

- **Waves are simply a transfer of energy from the sky to the earth**
- **Liken to a natural wave, we were created to experience giant spiritual waves of momentum where heaven touches earth through us. By the Holy Spirit, the church is God's transfer of power to the world.**
- **Do you ever feel like you are having to create your own spiritual energy? Have you settled for a less adventurous journey with God? Maybe you like your life on the beach. You are spiritually comfortable, spiritually complacent but there's not much else happening. We were created for more so let's talk about stepping into the water and Riding Giants.**

Elements of a Great Wave:

1. WEATHER
 - When high-pressure system meets a low-pressure system
 - Jesus (high-pressure) came to us (low-pressure) and caused a spiritual disturbance
2. WIND
 - Current of air blowing in one direction
 - The Holy Spirit is the wind of God that began blowing from Heaven at the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
 - Until Pentecost only Kings, Priest, and Prophets experienced the wind. Jesus made us kings and priest unto our God and released the wind of the Spirit to every believer. (Rev 1:5-6)
 - Martin Luther stated, "You are your own priest."

3. LOCATION

- A particular place
- Giant waves do not happen everywhere (ponds, lakes, rivers)
- Catching the wave of God only happens when you are positioned in the local church in the local church “location, location, location. (Eph. 1:23 “The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.”)
- It’s not the local churches responsibility to keep believers engaged. We are here to engage our Father’s lost kids

Exodus 14:13-21 (NASB)

¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.”

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land. ¹⁷ As for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ Then the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen.” ¹⁹ The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰ So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.

- Beaches or Waves, we decide what we will experience.
- Beaches (Complaining, Fear, Control, Pride, Slavery)
- Waves (Faith, Trust, Adventure, Destiny, Purpose)
- It’s easier to CATCH a wave than CREATE one.
“God will fight for you while you stand silent”
 - more trusting and less talking
 - Jesus didn’t have to say anything at the cross, He demonstrated it with His life
 - When God is the energy source, we don’t have to create the energy we just need to be silent an obey
 - Most of us tend to talk too much and it drains our lives of spiritual energy
 - Stand on the beach and talk about our problems and everyone else’s problems
- God ALWAYS wants your PARTICIPATION.
“Why are you crying to me, step forward.”
 - There comes a time where it is “our move”
 - How much time are you crying to God and how much time are you walking with God?

- He prepared everything we just need to walk in it.
- We want Him to just swoop in but He desires our participation in the predicament
- The wind is blowing. We just need to step in.
- Run after His PROMISES not from your ENEMIES.
"The pillar went and stood behind them."
 - The presence of this cloud (high-pressure system) is God positioning Himself behind you. He goes before you and takes up your rear guard.
 - God was teaching them not to run from your enemies but to run after His promises (sounds like semantics but it's more about perspective) Life of fear or life of faith?
- God will USE what is trying to stop you to PROPEL you forward.
"The Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night long."
 - The east wind represented freedom for Israel and judgment to their enemies
 - and wipe out your enemy
 - You thought since it was dark that God wasn't moving but you were wrong. When you morning comes, you will see safe passage through what was standing in your way
 - God was engaging their faith in the night

LIVE IT:

- POSITIONNING
 - Great surfers don't create great waves, they faithfully position themselves where the waves are breaking
 - Are you faithfully in position to touch heaven and change earth?
 - It's time to join, serve, and connect.
 - This week, step into the water every day
- PADDLING
 - Great surfers paddle to match the speed of the wave they are riding
 - Are you setting the pace in your life or is God?
 - We want God to match our pace. This is about waking up every day, engaging our faith to match the pace of the Holy Spirit
- The "POP UP"
 - The pop up implies a quick action
 - Great surfers don't wait around to ride waves
 - Quickly engage, Quickly repent, Quickly obey
 - What are you waiting on? It's time to stand up and stand out!
 - Riding Giants is about a non-stop adventure with the Holy Spirit where He uses us to engage those who are lost and hurting