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Welcome!

**SERIES: WIND AND FIRE
ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Today's Message: When the Spirit Disrupts
Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Speak Holy Spirit to our minds. Speak Holy Spirit through our mouths. Speak Holy Spirit in the face of challenges, conflict, chaos, and confusion. Speak as only you can. Use our minds and our mouths to be your microphone. In the strong, steadfast, and secure name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: In the spirit of thanksgiving, take a few moments to share with the group something you are particularly thankful for this year.

INTRODUCTION: The Holy Spirit shows up through Peter and John in Acts 3 as a disrupter. The Holy Spirit disrupts the plain, predictable pattern of suffering and reconstructs it. In Acts 4, the lame man in his forties had already been healed at the gate of the temple by the power of God. The religious authorities confront them, incarcerate them, and threaten them with consequences if they continue in this way. Bold and courageous, Peter and John, full of the Spirit reinforce their commitment to continue as the Holy Spirit directs them. Our challenge is to do the same in this hour.

SCRIPTURE: Read Acts 4:1-12 (MSG)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. In the message, Pastor Watson pointed out that the Holy Spirit disrupts what we may consider normal in order to reconstruct a framework for what's possible. Have you ever had God to disrupt your life? Your plans? Your expectations? Your dreams? How did you handle it? How did the people around you handle it?
3. The Holy Spirit engages the faithful in works of reconstruction. Where and how do you believe the Holy Spirit is at work reconstructing in our church, our community, our world? What about in your own life? The lives of your family members? Where is there "construction" taking place?
4. When you read Acts 4:1-22, what elements of this story engage your imagination and/or emotions? What raises questions or piques your curiosity? In this story, courage is directly tied to being filled with the Holy Spirit and resulted in speaking boldly about Jesus. What acts of courage have you witnessed that have greatly inspired you? How do you think courage develops in a person?

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5. Peter and John spoke courageously because 1) They witnessed the work of God through the person of Jesus, 2) They received power and authority through the Holy Spirit, 3) They had been with Jesus. Where have you witnessed the Holy Spirit at work in your life to increase your courage? Do you feel like you operate in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? Is there a specific area of your life where you feel like God is wanting you to step out and step up?

CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. You can also connect with us on social media at facebook.com/myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC_online. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

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