

The Wind of Change Pt 3

Positioning Ourselves for God's Move

CENTRAL QUESTION:

Are we positioned to receive what God wants to do in our lives and in our church?

I. THE PROMISE IN THE LAST DAYS [00:03:05 - 00:04:19]

Key Scripture: Acts 2:17-19

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams... And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in earth beneath."

The Core Promise:

- God is pouring out His Spirit on all people
- This is happening in the last days we live in now
- The invitation is open to anyone who calls on the name of the Lord

The Problem We Face:

- We are not positioned to receive the Spirit
- We are waiting, but not prepared for what God has

II. THE PICTURE OF POSITIONING: WHAT THE DISCIPLES DID [00:04:38 - 00:06:55]

Key Scripture: Acts 1:12-14

"Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet... And when they were come, they went up into an upper room... These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

Three Conditions for Revival:

A. UNITY

- One accord, one heart, one focus
- Not divided or pulling in different directions
- The disciples included women, breaking cultural barriers

B. PRAYER

- Persistent, humble prayer

- Not casual or distracted prayer
- Prayer with true expectation

C. EXPECTATION

- Knowing something is coming
- Hungry for what God will do
- Positioned to receive

III. THE BARRIER: DISTRACTION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

[00:14:11 - 00:16:38]

Key Scripture: James 4:8

"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."

What Keeps Us From Positioning:

- Noise around us - work, relationships, entertainment, busyness
- Too many competing voices and distractions
- God is trying to speak but we cannot hear
- We are not hungry for God

The Hunger Test:

- Physical hunger drives us to eat
- Spiritual hunger should drive us to seek God
- Many people neglect to feed their spirits
- We must become so hungry for God that we make space for Him

IV. THE CALL TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND EVERYONE

[00:18:31 - 00:22:11]

Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:13

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with your whole heart."

Your Purpose Is Bigger Than:

- Your degree or career path
- Your popularity or how people see you
- Your possessions or future plans
- Your responsibilities at home or work

Your True Purpose:

- To lead people to God
- To have an active relationship with Jesus Christ

- To recognize that God has something specific for your life
- To not miss what God has because you're distracted by the temporary

V. THE DIFFERENCE: WAITING VS. POSITIONING

[00:24:32 - 00:26:21]

The Critical Distinction:

- The disciples weren't just waiting - they were seeking
- Waiting without engagement misses what God has
- You can sit in the right place and still not be ready
- Your heart must be engaged, your hunger must be real

Three Essential Elements:

1. Heart engagement
2. Real hunger for God
3. True dependence (not self-sufficiency)

The Danger:

It's possible to be in a season of waiting and completely miss what God has for you right now.

VI. THE RECIPE FOR REVIVAL [00:27:31 - 00:28:24]

Key Image: The Cake Analogy

God has prepared everything (the oven, the heat, the timing), but you must do your part:

- Open the box of ingredients
- Mix them together
- Pour them into the pan
- Put it in the oven

What This Means:

- God doesn't force His way into a distracted body
- God doesn't force His way into a divided, self-sufficient people
- God does move in people who are hungry for Him
- God does move in people who make space for Him
- God does move in people who seek Him

The Result:

Before the winds of change came, there was a room full of people who were ready.

VII. THE REQUIREMENT: UNITY CREATES SPACE

[00:29:38 - 00:31:22]

Key Scripture: Acts 2:1

People with different backgrounds, different personalities, different stories - but one purpose.

Why Unity Matters:

- Division distracts
- Disunity divides
- But unity creates space for God to move in
- Unity creates a place for the winds of change

What Brings Us Together:

- We come from different backgrounds
- We have different experiences
- We have different life stories
- But one thing brings us together: Jesus

The Challenge:

Don't let people discourage you from worshiping God genuinely. Give Him your heart with everyone watching.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

You cannot miss the winds of change if you are positioned with:

- Hunger for God
- Unity with other believers
- One focus and one purpose
- A heart engaged in seeking Him
- A willingness to make space for Him

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- How distracted are you right now? What noise is keeping you from hearing God?
- Are you waiting or are you seeking? What's the difference in your life?
- Where do you need to position yourself for God to do something wonderful?
- What would it look like to become hungry for God in a way that changes how you live?
- Is your church, your family, and your own heart unified around one purpose?
- What space do you need to make for God this week?

Scripture References for Further Study: Acts 1:12-14 | Acts 2:17-19 | James 4:8 | Jeremiah 29:13
| Luke 24:25-27