

# GOD WITH US

*His People. His Dwelling Place.*

## Stirred Up & Spurred On - Ps George Gourlay

Ps George beautifully showed us how the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is always with us, around us, in us, and for us. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us we are capable of so much more than we ever would be on our own. As the world is shaken by the events of the day, we are a people that are stirred up by what the Spirit is doing. **We are a stirred people, not a shaken people.** A stirred people are grounded in the word of God, stand on His promises, and are led by His Spirit.

Ps George dived into a story from Haggai 1:1-

*This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house.'" Haggai 1:2*

There are two narratives in the story: **what the Lord is saying, and what the people are saying.** The Lord won't delay or change His timing because people are embracing brokenness. He works in the midst of it to do that which only He can do.

Ps George posed some thought-provoking questions on this point:

- What percentage of your words, thoughts, and actions are a regurgitation of the news you watch and the social media you follow? What percentage is a revelation from what you receive from the Word of God?
- Are you being conformed to the world around you or are you being transformed by the Spirit within? Are you being named and tamed by culture, or named and untamed by the moving of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- What is the loudest voice in your head?

To be a **stirred-up people**, we must listen to the **narrative coming from heaven**, not the world.

*So the Lord **stirred up** the spirit of Zerubbabel ... and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God. Haggai 1:14*

The Holy Spirit stirs us with:

1. **Sanctified Emotions.** What makes you mad? What makes you glad? God uses our emotions to stir us towards a situation He wants to transform.
2. **'God' Ideas.** A 'God' idea is always beyond your ability, resources, education, and skills, but it has the potential to change history.
3. **Prophetic Words.** Prophecy is encouraging and uplifting. The right word at the right time can change everything. (Heb 10:24)
4. **Holy Discontent.** In the right time the Holy Spirit allows the nest to become uncomfortable - to stir us towards purpose.
5. **Scripture.** God's Word restores and refreshes us and teaches us the truth about who He is.

### Reflection:

1. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to stir your heart. What is He saying to you personally? Ask Him to renew your mind so that He is the voice that guides and speaks clearly in every moment. Is He stirring you in any of the five ways Ps George spoke about?