



Like a Rushing Mighty Wind
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DRUNK *with the* **HOLY SPIRIT** **LIKE A MIGHTY RUSHING WIND**

Introduction

I enjoy cooking...not a ton, but enough to eat! My wife does the baking...cookies, etc....and does a great job at it.

One thing we have learned is to make sure you don't miss any ingredients in your recipe. When you miss ingredients...something will just NOT taste right. You will know something is off. You will miss out on the BEST TASTE if you miss ingredients.

Christianity is much the same way.

God gives us the ingredients to live the victorious life.

- To live above and not beneath.
- To be the head and not the tail.
- To not be tripped up by the obstacles that life throws at you.

Some of those ingredients include:

- Faith
- Covenant
- The Word

There are many others, and they all work together to bring us to that place of victory.

HOWEVER: Christianity, as a whole, has missed ONE INGREDIENT that is essential to assist us in this victorious life.

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH: It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not only a luxury, it is a DIVINE COMMAND."

A command means that it is essential...not a choice.

Ephesians 5:18 – “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

NOTE: Many people use this Scripture to say that it is okay to drink alcohol, but just don't get drunk.

UNDERSTAND: That is fishing! That is absolutely NOT the point of this Scripture. It is identifying how much Holy Spirit you need and comparing being drunk with WINE to being FILLED with the Holy Spirit.

“Be” - better translated “be being” ...a continual act.

“Excess” – until it makes you lose control; reckless extravagance;

QUESTION: How much Holy Spirit do we need?

ANSWER: Until we are swimming in it!

EXPLAIN: There is a difference between having the Holy Spirit in you (at conversion...a measure) and swimming in the Holy Spirit (baptism in the Holy Spirit).

REMEMBER: Acts 2 – They thought they were DRUNK with alcohol, but they were baptized (swimming) in the Holy Spirit.

That is what is being talked about here.

THINK ABOUT IT: Why do people drink alcohol...to this extent? Why does it seem so popular?

- To enjoy a life that is off the rails.
- The excitement they have.
- To escape a life that is off the rails.
- They enjoy the trip....the feeling.
- To be free from inhibitions...to lose control.

NOTICE: Being drunk is a cheap/easy substitute for God desires for His kids.

There is a desire in each of us for these things that only the Holy Spirit can fill.

There is a reason that alcohol is called SPIRITS.

UNFORTUNATELY: Most of the church world is going AWAY from the Holy Spirit lifestyle.

Even Pentecostal churches are lessening the importance of speaking in tongues.

Even Word of Faith people will spend much of their time focusing on the importance of the words of their mouth...but not focus on the language of the Holy Spirit.

BELOVED: If you want to live how God wants you to live...enjoy what God has for you to enjoy...then you are going to NEED that Heavenly language.

AND NEED TO USE THAT HEAVENLY LANGUAGE!

MANY WILL SAY: Well, Pastor Thad, I think having the Holy Spirit in me is enough to live the Christian life. The language isn't THAT important.

LISTEN: It isn't an option.

- 1.) Think about Acts 11 when Paul was talking to the Christians in Jerusalem about Cornelius and his peeps...and they were upset at Him, what did he tell them that changed their mind? They spoke with tongues!
- 2.) Jesus told them to NOT DO ANYTHING until they got the language:
Acts 1:4,5
4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

THINK ABOUT IT: They didn't see much happen until the Holy Spirit took over (language); just a bunch of business meetings!

Churches are real good at business meetings and get together...but what about Holy Ghost meetings.

3.) 1 Corinthians 14:18 – “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.”

NOTICE: He goes on to tell us that in church we should be edifying one another, but when you are not in church (talking to others), you should be speaking in tongues a lot!

Why did Paul enjoy the Gifts of the Spirit, revelations, power? He spoke in tongues more than them all!

BILL JOHNSON: “Many stop short of Divine encounters because they are satisfied with good theology.”

The Holy Spirit connects us to the spontaneous direction and move of God.

The Day of Pentecost

QUESTION: What do you think the people in the upper room in Acts 2 were thinking would happen that day in the upper room?

- Just another day?
- Pray and go?
- Spontaneous?

Acts 2:1-14

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

“It” – often we refer to the Holy Spirit an object...but we must remember he is a person. Jesus always referred to the Holy Spirit as a person.

Ephesians 4:30 we can grieve the Holy Spirit.

Benny Hinn says this revelation was the key to his breakthrough.

He is not a dove (like a dove); He is not a fire (like a fire); He is not a wind (like a wind)...

- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This isn't talking about what you get at conversion...this is talking about what Ephesians 5:18 is describing. Intoxication!

What is the sign of this intoxication...this overflow?

That heavenly language!

NOTE: It is available to everyone who wants it and goes after it!

They were ALL FILLED...not some of them.

Acts 2:39 – “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

- 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

(Acts 2 - continued)

- 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
11bwe do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

NOTE: Not complaining...but talking about how big God is and how good His is!

- 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

HOW FULL WERE THEY? Intoxicated!

They were not acting like they were when they walked into the house earlier in the day!

- 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 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:
18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

REMEMBER: This is what was being prophesied in Joel.

BELOVED: God is wanting us to be MORE FULL of the Holy Spirit today, then we were a year ago...then we were a decade ago!

Like a Mighty Rushing Wind

Acts 2:2 – “ And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

- If there is a sound of wind...there is wind somewhere.

NOW I could easily use a lot of comparisons to describe the Holy Spirit (intoxication) being in your life (wine, fire, dove, etc.), but as I was studying this area I was arrested when I read this verse and got the picture of The Holy Spirit being like a wind!

The Greek word for Spirit is literally breath! Wind!

The wind is a natural picture that gives us insight into being full of the Holy Spirit.

Six Things The Wind Does!

1.) The wind moves stagnant things.

ILLUSTRATION: The movie Tommy Boy when he was stuck in his sail boat in the middle of the lake! “Sorry about the wind! There is no wind out here, it’s ridiculous!we need a little wind here!”

The wind moves things that are stuck...stagnant!

How about a leaf falling from a tree...a piece of paper...

BELOVED: How often have you felt stuck!

No revelation! No insight! Not knowing what to do next!

1 Corinthians 14:2 – “For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”

John 16:7 – “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

“Comforter” – para-kletos – to exhort, urge, or rally (like a military general to his troops).
(AMP) – “However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].”

To go in a bit deeper: There are 3 things that our para-kletos excels in!

- 1.) Exceptional knowledge!
“Witty inventions” (Proverbs 8:12)
- 2.) Expertise in protocol and procedure! What to do at given time.
- 3.) Persuasive speaking ability (like a lawyer)! What to say at a given time!

MARK HANKINS: “The Holy Spirit is a genius, if you listen to Him He will make you look smart.”

2.) The wind refreshes.

Acts 3:19 – “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

Here is the cool aspect of this point...

1 Corinthians 14:2 – “For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men...”

You have knocked out the middle man of your soul and flesh...you are not spirit to spirit contact (face to face). In His presence!

Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

BELOVED: How easy is it to get worn down by life...by stuff! You are still moving...but the zip has left. Your step has lost it's pep!

Life! Exhaustion! Frustration!

Your faith has been zapped!

Jude 20 – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

1 Corinthians 14:4 – “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.”

You build yourself up...you charge yourself!

ILLUSRATION: Think of your phone. What happens when the battery has not been refreshed?

ANSWER: You get panicked! You put yourself into action...because you can't lose the charge!

BELOVED: When you are not charged up, your other gifts will not operate properly. You are prime picken's for the enemy!

- **SERVANT GIFT:** One who is tired...begins resenting those they are serving!

- **PREACHING GIFT:** One who is tired...giving a speech, not speaking from God.

- **COVENANT RELATIONSHIP:** One who is tired...becomes snippy and puts a strain on the relationship.

We need that refreshing!

3.) The wind messes up fleshly things.

ILLUSTRATION: Have you ever spent a lot of time getting ready? You hair in place!
Your clothes perfect! And then you step outside and get hit with the wind?!
All of that work literally GONE WITH THE WIND!

Ephesians 5:18 – “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

ONE PERSON: “Don’t get drunk on wine...tank up on the Holy Spirit.”
Yup...how full of the Spirit are we to become? Highly inebriated!

ILLUSTRATION: Videos of drunk people!

Acts 2:13 – “Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.”

UNDERSTAND: It is clear that they didn’t just come out of the house reverently praying and acting calm! They were WILD! They were completely contrary to their flesh... how they walked into that building is NOT how they walked out!

Vs. 11 – They were NOT complaining about stuff! They were talking REALLY LOUD about how good God was!

BELOVED: Have you ever seen me on the stage during praise and worship? That is not what I choose to do (usually).

YOU MAY SAY: “Well, I really, really don’t want to dance like you dance...so no thanks!”

BELOVED: It goes further than that!

- How about pray for the sick in public. There is NO “what ifs” involved.
- Cast out devils. There is NO “people will think I am weird”.

Close this section: Three generations of revival.

- a.) Abraham carried the vision...the blessing.
- b.) Isaac glowed and lived in it...from dad.
- c.) Jacob tried to achieve it on his own...flesh and blood...short cuts!
He had to wrestle with an angel to step in!
He had to get past his flesh to step in!

ONE MORE STEP: The enemy loves to get information on you and then use it against you.

If you fear something...he will introduce it to you repeatedly.

If something takes you off the rails of life...he will attack you time and again.

1 Corinthians 14:2 – We are speaking mysteries!

ILLUSTRATION: The Navajo Code Talkers – known as WIND TALKERS! The Japanese were intercepting the orders of American troops in WW1 and WW2 and were defeating us. They knew what to do!

HOWEVER: We introduced these Navajo men, with their hidden language that they only used in their own families. And it was a code that the enemy could NOT break! That is our HEAVENLY LANGUAGE! God is communicating with us and by-passing fleshly avenues, so that the enemy cannot set up a successful response against us!

4.) The wind spreads fire.

ILLUSTRATION: The wildfires in California. When a small spark happens and it has some kind of kindling...it starts! However, when it is dry and WINDY, it can spread like...wild-fire!

The harder the wind...the more it spreads!

Acts 2:3 – “And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”

NOTICE: It was not just the breath of God that hit that room...it was the fire!

BELOVED: “Ordinary people with God’s fire in them make extraordinary people!”

Ephesians 3:16 – “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;”

“Strengthened” – get bigger and bigger! Get out of control big!

“Fire” really represents the passion, zeal and vision that God places in each of us!

The thing that burns in each of us...and unfortunately it can be easy to lose that fire.

Exodus 3:1-4; 10-12

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

NOTE: Not destructive!to keep it stirred up!

Exodus 3:1-4; 10-12 (continued)

- 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.
- 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- 11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

When the fire of the Holy Spirit was birthed in Moses...it lasted him the rest of his life...40 years in the wilderness!

Luke 24:13-35 – The men on the road to Emmaeus!

- 32 And they said one to another, ***Did not our heart burn within us***, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

When your purpose is shown to you...when a direction is given...a fire is lit! When God speaks into your life! We need to keep stoking the fire, so that it will consume EVERYTHING that we are!

THOUGHT: Fire of romance! It takes over everything!

2 Timothy 1:6 – “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”

(AMP) – “That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination].”

BELOVED: I recognize that the laying on of hands is brought out in this passage, but the point is that the fire that is in you can die down...it is your responsibility to keep it stirred up!

5.) The wind puts out fire.

ILLUSTRATION: When I grill on a windy day...the fire just keeps going out! Ughh!
How about the candles on a birthday cake...how do we put the fire out?!

Fire of Emotions. Emotions that are out of control.

- Burn with rage! With anger!
- Burn with jealousy!
- A lot of other emotions that can take over a person (grief, depressions, anxiety).

God gave us emotions! They are a part of the healing process of our minds.

HOWEVER: When they get out of control...they will hurt a person and situations and relationships!

- Don't let the sun go down upon your wrath! Eph 4:6
- Angry and sin not! Eph 4:6

What happens when your emotions get out of control?

- a.) Real fleshly!
- b.) Prayer life? Nope! You end up complaining and angry.
Romans 8:26 – “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”
- c.) Love walk? Haha!
Fosters Unforgiveness!
- d.) Peace? Far from the midst of you!

What can you do? Use your heavenly language!

Another part of putting out fires is when turmoil (tough times) in life rears its ugly head...the Holy Spirit can help you extinguish those fires!

1 Corinthians 2:9-12

- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

What do I do in this situation?

The Holy Spirit will reveal it to you! Speaking in tongues will stir it up and help you put out those fires in your life.

6.) The wind causes things to fly.

ILLUSTRATION #1: Kites! If I give you a couple sticks...some paper...and a long string. What can you do with those by themselves?

NOT A LOT in the current shape they are in...but if you put them together and make a kite and you have made something unique.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) – “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

UNDERSTAND: God creates us...and then when we accept Him into our lives we become a new creation...a new masterpiece...He puts us together.

NOW HERE IS THE PROBLEM most Christians face! Not accomplishing a lot. What are we actually doing?

IF WE TAKE THAT KITE and add wind to it...now it can soar and rise up! New heights! A kite can’t fly...unless the wind catches it! Then it can go higher than it could ever go on its own!

REMEMBER: Acts 1 – the disciples were born again...they were told, ***you are grounded until the Holy Spirit comes!*** And they were!

HOWEVER: When the Holy Spirit came...they rose to new heights.

ILLUSTRATION #2: Eagles! These large birds move through the landscape primarily by soaring—a style of flying where they hold their wings outward and rarely flap, saving them considerable energy. Instead of flapping, they rely on rising air currents to gain altitude.

HOWEVER: When they catch that wind...they can rise above storms!

DID YOU KNOW: They can soar up to five hours without flapping their wings? Over a hundred miles!

NOW...when they are getting off the ground, they flap a lot, but once they catch the wind/air their work becomes much easier!

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up ***with wings as eagles***; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Romans 7 tells us that when we try to walk by our flesh...we will continually fail/fall/lose strength!

Romans 8 tells us we **MUST** walk according to our spirit.

ILLUSTRATION #3: Running a race! Talking about running and growing weak:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
- 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
- 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
- 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

If you are going to run...run to win!

ILLUSTRATION: Jim Peters, one of England's greatest marathon runners, was running in the 1954 British Commonwealth Games in Vancouver (Canada).

Jim Peters entered the stadium to run the last leg of the grueling 26 mile race. Then things began to happen.

- His confident smile faded to desperate bewilderment.
- Dizziness racked his brain and his body.
- Staggered steps.
- Fell to the ground and began to crawl to the finish line.
- Finally, not able to move another inch...he laid 200 yards from the finish line and lost the race!

How amazingly frustrating...knowing you have a race to run. Knowing you have it in the bag, yet your flesh lets you down.

QUESTION: What if Peter's could have had another runner mysteriously enter into his body and give him the strength he needs to finish the race?

BELOVED: In the flesh we cannot do that, but that is the purpose of the Holy Spirit...to lift us...to raise us and to move us HIGHER. Faster!

Hebrews 12:1 – “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”

Laying aside things that weigh us down is one thing...picking up our assistor is another!

BELOVED: You can't do what God has called you to do on your own.

ON YOUR OWN YOU...

- You speak
- You sing
- You do stuff
- You toil and sweat
- You pray

WITH HOLY SPIRIT YOU...

- You bring a message
- You enter the Holy of Holies
- Your steps are ordered and directed
- You achieve purpose
- You have power

Zechariah 4:6 – “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, ***Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.***”

FINAL ILLUSTRATION: My favorite baseball team is the Chicago Cubs. The ball park they play in is Wrigley Field.

As a kid I bought any sports book I could get my hands on...one of those books was entitled, “The Book of Sports Lists”.

Wrigley Field held a specific spot in that book: It was the hardest place to hit a home run AND the easiest place to hit a home run...it was on both lists.

You see Chicago (and Wrigley Field) is situated right next to Lake Michigan (really big lake); and therefore Chicago is known as the WINDY CITY.

Sometimes the wind from Lake Michigan caused the wind to blow towards the outfield and a pop fly would sail over the wall for a home run.

Sometimes the wind from Lake Michigan would shift and would blow towards home plate and you could crush a ball and it would turn into a fly ball out.

It all depended on the wind!

It could either assist and make it easy or it could fight and go against!

Romans 8 tells us that when we live by the Spirit...it makes things easier. When we live contrary to the Spirit it makes things tough.

When you use your Heavenly language to stir up your spirit man...you will fly longer and higher than you ever thought you could. **HOWEVER:** When you don't, you will grow increasingly frustrated in life.

ONE EXTRA POINT: Too many Christians stay in the nest...stay on the perch, because they have never learned!

They have missed the wind altogether.

Don't miss the wind!