



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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"MY WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS" God

"My thoughts are not your thoughts and neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." [8th c. B.C., Prophet, Isaiah 55:8, 9]

It is always good for those of us who follow Jesus Christ and who endeavor to adhere to the principles established by God in his word and demonstrated in the Life and Teachings of Jesus, to remember that "God's thoughts and ways are not our human thoughts and ways." Though, we must confess, that we really do wish, at times, that God would get his thoughts and ways more in line with ours.

It won't happen! Frankly, we simply do not have the mental and emotional maturity or capacity to see the big picture or understand the enormity of what God has in mind for the human race. When we have trouble figuring out what to have for dinner or how to relate to a strong-willed child, how can we, on our own, presume to know what is the best way to come to a righteous and right conclusion regarding relationships with people of other races or cultures?

When we are stretched to our limits with the local Home Owner's Association on how often to cut our grass or how high the new fence should be around our property, how can we be so presumptuous to say that we know what is the best decision for guarding national borders or growing marijuana?

It isn't anything new? It has been the way of the human race since time immemorial. God did a very good job in leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and made some very good decisions relative to their health and welfare for many years. It was a good relationship—as long as they paid attention to his directions. When they didn't pay attention, things didn't go too well. That should give us the first clue!

Example: Along the way, they decided they wanted a king like all the other nations around them. [I Samuel 8;1-9] God had been their King, but now they were rejecting him for a man named Saul. Saul was an ***"impressive young man without equal among the Israelites—a head taller than any of the others,"*** [9:2], and he was later anointed by Samuel, at God's direction, as king over Israel.

The rest of the story shows that Saul was human, with feet of clay, making some good decisions and some bad decisions that impacted the Israelites with many difficulties. God had warned them, but they wanted a king anyhow. There, we have another clue!

The next time around, God chose the king that he decided should rule over Israel—a shepherd boy, but a man after God's own heart. Even though David had issues in his own life that would appear, from a human perspective, to disqualify him for such noble leadership, he was open to God's direction—including rebuking and correction. And God used him mightily to change the course of human history through the nation he had chosen to bring out of slavery to be his people.

Once again, we need to remember that "God's ways and thoughts are not our ways and thoughts." We need also to remember God said, ***"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."*** [Ex. 33:19]

As Sovereign God, it is apparent that God can raise up anyone he wants to be used in whatever way he desires to accomplish whatever he has in mind. And too, God has the ability to take whatever situation or person we may think is inappropriate or unqualified and work in that circumstance or that person's life to demonstrate to the powers of heaven and earth alike, his Greater Power and His Glory!

Perhaps it is best that we seek to think like God thinks in order to talk and walk in his ways. Jesus did!

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SCHEDULE FOR MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR

THURSDAY, February 23

- 5:00 PM Registration
7:00 – 7:30 Praise and Worship
7:30 – 8:15 Gift of the Holy Spirit
8:15 – 8:45 Ministry

FRIDAY, February 24

- 8:30 – 9:00 Opening and Worship
9:00 – 9:45 Gifts and Fruit
9:45 – 10:30 Spiritual Gifts Analysis
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 11:30 Gift of Prophecy,
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30 Workshop on Prophetic
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:30 Gift of Serving
3:30 – 4:30 Workshop on Serving
4:30 – 6:00 Dinner Break
6:00 – 6:30 Praise and Worship
6:30 – 7:15 Gift of Teaching
7:15 – 8:00 Workshop on Teaching
8:00 Closing

SATURDAY, February 25

- 8:30 – 9:00 Worship
9:00 – 9:45 Gift of Encouragement,
9:45 – 10:30 Workshop
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:30 Gift of Contributing
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch Break
1:00 – 1:45 Gift of Leadership
1:45 – 2:30 Workshop for Contributing and Leadership
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:30 Gift of Mercy
3:30 – 5:00 Workshop, Practical Application of all the Gifts
5:00 PM Closing: Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuition Fees related to the Seminar:

Individual—\$75.00

Husband and Wife Couple—\$125.00

Alumni—One/half price

Included in the Registration:

- Motivational Gifts Manual
Continental Breakfast
Snacks at Breaks

Please register by calling the Wind of the Spirit Ministries' Office at 360-692-9813 Ext.14, Monday-Thursday, 9:30—12:00.

INHERITING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus taught his disciples to pray that God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. As we endeavor to equip ourselves with spiritual gifts, we are better able to minister to people, inviting them into that Kingdom which has been prepared for us from the beginning of creation.

In one of his stories about the Son of Man [Jesus] coming in his glory, he tells those who have been faithful to him, "*Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*" [Matthew 25:34 NIV]

By the Grace of God and the use of The Spiritual Gifts that are given to us by God's Holy Spirit, we are able to share the Gospel through word—what we say, and deed—what we do. Empowered by his Spirit we are able to invite people to come into the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As he so plainly said, "*I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.*" [John 14:6 NIV]

It appears to me that Scripture makes it very clear that we do not **build** the Kingdom of God, as I have heard some say. We do not even **expand** the Kingdom by bringing people into it. It is rather presumptuous to believe that I have the ability to either build or expand God's eternal, spiritual domain.

God's Kingdom **IS** because God **IS!** He built it; He established it; He sustains it; He sets its boundaries; He rules over it. Where God is, there is his Kingdom!

We do not *build* the kingdom. When we are in Christ, we *inherit* it. "*Now, if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings that we may also share in his glory.*" Romans 8:17

We have no power and we have been given no authority nor instructions by our Lord to build God's Kingdom. But we **do** have the power and the privilege of inviting people to come with us to Jesus and, by God's mercy and grace, enter his Kingdom family and be joint-heirs with him of that kingdom.

What greater privilege do we have as the children of God, than to share the good news of Father God's love demonstrated in Jesus—that we should be called "**the children of God**" and be co-heirs with Jesus of God's eternal Kingdom? What must that Kingdom be like?

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind has conceived*

What God has prepared for those who love him."

I Corinthians 2:9

We may not be able to build God's Kingdom, but we can fall on our knees with deep gratitude in our hearts and unceasing praise on our lips for this inconceivable and indescribable gift of God's amazing grace and boundless love!

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MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR

"We have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do so cheerfully."

Romans 12:6-8

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit." "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

I Corinthians 12: 4 and 7

When the Holy Spirit of God indwells his people, we are provided spiritual gifts [supernatural tools] with which to do the ministry to which we have been called as the Body of Christ. The Church is a Supernatural Body, established by a Supernatural God to do the Supernatural work of God's Supernatural Kingdom here on earth.

Natural gifts, talents and abilities are not adequate to accomplish the work assigned to us. Human wisdom is insufficient to make the right decisions that have positive, eternal consequences. It is imperative that we rely on the leading and wisdom of God's Holy Spirit.

Thus, God has provided the spiritual gifts to be used to accomplish what God desires so that his *"kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven."* Matthew 6:10

This Motivational Gifts Seminar, scheduled for **February 23-25**, is provided as one means of helping us, as the Body of Christ, discover and use these gifts in an effective and productive way to help accomplish that goal.

Worship is always an integral part of what takes place at the Wind of the Spirit Ministries' seminars. It provides a time when the Holy Spirit can prepare and quiet our hearts and minds to receive what he has for us.

Once again **Dennis Rickabaugh** and **Bob Martello** have graciously accepted our invitation to lead us in that time of worship. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is always upon them as they lead us to the Throne of Grace in worship. Come and join us for a time of spiritual renewal.

And too, **Tracy Martello** will also be a part of our teaching staff for the seminar. Tracy has proven to be a very capable and articulate teacher who is well received by those in attendance. Though she has a very busy work schedule as a Respiratory Therapist, she has made time to be at this seminar. We are excited to welcome her.

We are also excited to announce that **Jeremy and Joy Ellington** will be with us for our seminar. They will be arriving from India around the 21st of February and remain with us through March, before returning to their work in India. They bring with them fresh, new and exciting stories of how the Holy Spirit is moving in the church there. They also help us to be aware of some of the challenges that are being faced and how the Holy Spirit is helping them to meet those challenges in very positive ways. You will not want to miss hearing them.

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MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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February 23-25	Motivational Gifts Seminar, Silverdale UMC Jeremy and Joy Ellington, Tracy Martello, Larry Eddings, Staff
June 22-24	Healing Seminar, Silverdale UMC Rev. David and Josie Sablan, Philippines Jeremy and Joy Ellington, India The Teaching Staff
June 28-July 2	Aldersgate Conference, Lexington, KY Larry Eddings and David Sablan conduct- ing “Equipping Sessions,” workshops.

