



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## FROM GRIEF TO HOPE

### ISAIAH 53:3-5

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

*Springtime!* More light, more warmth, new life bursting forth and the fragrance of spring are some of the things we experience during this season. It is a season of new beginnings, a fresh start and renewed hope. I love this time of year and, for me it is coming at a time when I really need it.

It feels like I am beginning to awaken from what seems like a bad dream. A lot of things were removed from my life in the past year. First, our church stopped meeting in person and went to an online format. After about two weeks I stopped listening to it. It was not the same as being together with the people of God. Our church has been struggling ever since.

The work I’ve been entrusted with in this ministry came to nearly a screeching halt. And since I am not considered an “essential worker”, much of my time was spent at home alone in the beginning. At first, it was great! I love to garden and so I did. But God’s people can only flourish when they are actively part of the Body of Christ. Bob and I started to attend a church that was open and even though it only happened a few times, what an incredible thing to be with other believers in worship!

Then last month our daughter and son-in-law told

us that they and their two children (our grandchildren) were moving to Oklahoma. We know that the Lord has led them to this, it’s obvious. But my heart doesn’t want to get onboard. Even though I am generally a person who chooses to find joy in whatever circumstance, this time I was completely disoriented. So much has been taken so quickly with no signs of turn around. I have felt empty.

You lost things in the last year, too. Maybe far more than I have lost. Many people have. We are human and when God’s people suffer, God comforts us. Our suffering helps us to not only sympathize with another person’s hurt, but because of God’s compassion for us, we can show that same compassion to them.

### 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”*

It is okay for us to grieve our losses. We aren’t robots. God knows we hurt. Jesus lived here among us and felt our pain and loss and it made him the perfect intercessor for us. And he intercedes for us always – so says God’s Word. But we must not allow grief to linger too long, because when we do it turns into something else – hopelessness. And hopelessness comes from feeling separated from God. Of all people on this earth, we who know Jesus are the ones who are never hopeless.

We are citizens of heaven and that means  
HERE and NOW!

We have eternal life and that means  
HERE and NOW!

We are disciples of Jesus with work he sent us to do,  
and that means  
HERE and NOW!

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In light of that, I will lift up my mind and my heart and remember who I am:

- A child of God purchased with Jesus' blood
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit to live in love, joy and peace
- A forgiven person
- A steward of God with work to do
- A beacon of light and hope for others
- A new creation

Springtime is upon our souls, *if we allow it*. And it means newness of life, more light, and more warmth with the fragrance of Christ emanating from us. Someone *you know* needs light, comfort, warmth or just a listening ear. Hear the call of our Savior, "Follow Me!"

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## Upcoming Healing Seminar via Zoom

Wind of the Spirit Ministries will be presenting the Healing Seminar via Zoom to approximately 50 pastors and church leaders in Kenya from April 28-May 1, 2020.

Conducting our training events through Zoom has been very effective, especially for international communities. If you have a small group or congregation interested in joining the upcoming seminar or scheduling for another time, contact us at [wosmnw@yahoo.com](mailto:wosmnw@yahoo.com).

The group in Kenya will be gathering together in one place and using one computer and projector to connect with us for this seminar. That way only one person is needed to run the computer/projector and connect through Zoom. It makes it easier for many to receive training without everyone needing to connect separately. It also allows for in-person workshops so that what is learned can then be put into practice.

Let us know if your group is interested in doing a seminar through Zoom!

**"CHURCH, I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS."**

*JESUS.*

***"On the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [John 20:19]***

Before Jesus came into their midst, his disciples were behind locked doors, afraid, living in fear for their lives. Then Jesus came into the room! His presence changed everything and everyone. Their Fear was replaced by his Peace.

Prior to Jesus' death and resurrection, he taught them about the kingdom of God and then demonstrated what he was talking about. ***"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness among the people."*** [Matthew 4:23] These were teaching and training times for his disciples.

When he felt that they had learned and seen enough, he sent them out to teach and do what he had taught them. They had a specific job description and the way they were to accomplish ***"These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions. "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts, take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep."*** [Matthew 10:5, 7-10]

The disciples were sent out without any money or extra clothes. They were not to be focused on whether they had money, food, shelter, or clothing to sustain them. They were to be about being obedient to do what Jesus told them to do and trusting God for their care. Consequently, miracles happened, lives were changed, and they and the new believers thrived under the circumstances. Then, following Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, nothing could stop them. Within a few years, every encounter became an opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ – either from a chariot on the way to Ethiopia or in a jail cell in Rome.

Fast forward to the 18th century AD. John Wesley had a call of God upon his life to preach the Gospel. Following a life-transforming experience at Aldersgate when his heart was "strangely warmed," he went forth in the power of the Holy Spirit and followed the job description that Jesus had given to his early disciples. One result of this "new enthusiasm" for the Gospel, the Anglican churches of England were all closed to Wesley. He had no pulpit, no support, no pension, and no guarantee of

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anything but work and hope. Yet, the Lord - through him, awakened a whole nation – not to mention the world, to the power of the Resurrected Christ. Somehow, God provided, and he lived a long life, bearing much fruit by making disciples and transforming his world. Do we not follow the same God who has the same power?

Fast forward again to now, 2021 AD. We have a choice: either remain locked up in fear of what religious, or any other authorities, or a Covid virus might do to us, OR we can - regardless of whether we have properties, monies, ecclesiastical agreement or permission, and without fear, do what Jesus told us to do: ***“Go, make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.”*** [Matthew 28:19,20]

When the Resurrected Christ promises that, how can we possibly stay locked up in fear or even wait until we have the financial resources to do it? The choice is before us! Obedience to the instructions of Jesus could very well cause us to see miracles happening once again in the contemporary church as they happened from the beginning!



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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

*“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11,12*

<b>PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS</b>	
OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Martello’s email address: <a href="mailto:martello52000@yahoo.com">martello52000@yahoo.com</a>	
Apr 28-May 1	HEALING SEMINAR FOR KENYA via Zoom
June 26	WIND OF THE SPIRIT ANNUAL BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETING
<b>PRAY</b>	Pray for spiritual awakening in this nation.  Pray for God to raise up leaders who will listen to Him.



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