



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## THE SIX R's OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

When I was in grade and high school—a few years ago, there was great emphasis on the three “R’s” in education: Reading, Riting and Rithmatic. Of course, nothing was mentioned about correct English in those three R’s. Everyone seemed to just take it for granted that a person was smart enough to figure it out. All three were essential to a good, rounded education.

There are five R’s that are critical to our spiritual growth and understanding of our relationship with God in Christ. These have been a part of our relationship with God from the time of creation. They are evident in God’s historic relationship with Israel and they are still evident in the lives of those who claim the name of Christ. They cannot be taken for granted and they are not too hard to figure out.

**RELATIONSHIP:** God calls people into relationship with him. It is a covenant relationship in which God says, “*I will be your God and you will be my people.*” It is a relationship initiated by God, based on God’s mercy and grace and responded to in faith by those who desire to be in relationship with God. God desires relationship and calls us into relationship with him.. It is a relationship based on God’s Love.

**RELAPSE:** There were times—and still are times, when those who are in relationship with God have a relapse. God brought Israel out of slavery in Egypt, but many wanted to go back. When they thought God was slow in responding to them, they erected idols to worship. They had relapses in their relationship with God.

We also have times when we have relapses. Though we walk in the Spirit of Christ, there are times when we fail to keep in step with the Spirit and respond, instead, to the temptations of the flesh. Though we have committed to a Christ-like lifestyle, our thoughts, attitudes and words do not reflect the Christ-like Spirit. We may become prideful, arrogant, boastful and self-righteous. Relapse!

**RETribUTION:** Throughout history, there have been consequences related to relapses in our relationship with God. Some of those were very dramatic and difficult for the Israelites, such as exile and loss of freedom. Others may have been less dramatic—such as droughts and crop failures, but they were still the consequences of bad decisions and wrongful behaviors, either on the part of the leader kings or the populace itself.

Likewise, God has set us boundaries in our relationship with him. “*You will have no other God’s before me.*” Or, “*Love one another as I have loved you.*”

When we adhere to those boundaries and guidelines, things go fairly well in our lives and our relationships with others. However, if we choose to not follow God’s directives, then there is retribution, which often comes in the form of broken relationships, lifestyles that bring disease and destruction to human life, as well as suffering loss of joy and peace in Christ.

Every wrong choice carries with it a consequence!

**REPENTANCE:** Repentance means to rethink what one is doing and turn to go another way. When Israel saw what was happening, usually under the guidance of a righteous prophet or king, the nation repented and was restored in its relationship with God.

God’s Holy Spirit now reveals to God’s people the areas of our lives in which there has been a relapse and then he brings us to repentance.

Repentance is not easy for it is very difficult for human beings to admit wrongdoing. For us it appears that it is very important to always have to be right—even if we know we are wrong. One of our greatest sins is that of always having to be right. Pride! Self-Righteousness! These are the very things that cause relapses in our relationship with God and others.

Repentance is not just a personal thing for the individual, it is also a corporate thing for a local church, a denomination, the general church and, yes, a nation.

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However, when repentance happens, the Spirit of God is released to do God's work in our lives.

**RESCUE:** As we read through the Scriptures we see the continuing work of God's Holy Spirit as he brings rescue to God's people who have suffered relapses and the resulting retributions or consequences of those relapses.

God spoke to the people of Israel through the Prophet Jeremiah, *"I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."* 31:34b

The Apostle John states it clearly for the followers of Jesus Christ: *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* I John 1:8,9

God is faithful to provide a way out of our life's various dilemmas, shortcomings and relapses, for ***"God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to the power that is at work within us."*** Ephesians 3:20

The sixth R: **RESTORATION.** When God rescues us from whatever it is in which we may find ourselves, we are restored in our relationship with him. That restoration includes the restoration of the joy of our salvation, the restoration of peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and, yes, self-control.

That restoration releases God's Holy Spirit in the penitent heart to live the Christ-like life that God desires for those who are called by his name.

The Apostle Paul said, ***"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*** Galatians 5:25. When we allow God's Holy Spirit to direct the steps of our lives, we will discover that our relapses will be fewer and longer in-between; the retributions will be short lived because the Spirit will quickly lead us to repentance, and God's rescue is always at hand to restore us.

Through it all, God never lets go of us and we never lose our relationship with him, for ***"nothing can separate us from God's love."*** Romans 8:38,39.

At the same time, may the Holy Spirit keep us at the point where we never grieve the heart of God with our relapses, but bring him joy through our obedience! LLE

### ***GIVE BIG WAS A BIG DAY FOR W.O.S.M.***

Each year the Seattle Foundation sponsors a Give Big Day on which donations may be made to the 1400+ non-profits that are in the Foundation's network. Wind of the Spirit Ministries is in that network.

This year May 6 was established as the Give Big Day and forty one individuals and/or family units responded to the opportunity to give to Wind of the Spirit Ministries. These represented persons from across the United States.

The amount contributed for the work of this ministry was \$12,240. This does not yet include the "stretch fund" that the Foundation makes available to increase the size of the donations. This fund will be added to the above amount sometimes during the early part of June.

The donations that were made to Wind of the Spirit Ministries this year doubled what was contributed on last year's Give Big Day.

We give special thanks to God for all of you who contributed so generously. Your generosity helps this ministry to continue to reach out with spiritual equipping tools, teaching materials and encouragement to persons who are on their faith journey with Jesus Christ.

### ***ANNUAL W.O.S.M. BOARD & COUNCIL MEETING***

It is always an exciting time when the sixty members of our Board of Directors and Support Council meet to hear about what God has been doing throughout the past year through this ministry.

It is also a grand time to look into the future as to what God would have us do in the coming year.

Times of praise, worship, prayer and communion are essential parts of our gathering. As we seek God's direction for the coming year we rely on the leading of God's Holy Spirit to provide that direction.

We share the many victories that we have seen God work in and through the lives of those involved. Testimonies of new commitments to Jesus Christ, healing of the sick, deliverances and many other victories serve to encourage those in attendance.

The meeting will be held at the Silverdale United Methodist in Silverdale, WA, beginning at 9:00 am until about 3:30 pm.

A luncheon of delicious Filipino food will be cooked and served by Jess and Belen Banaga, of Island Flavors Foods. They are members of the Silverdale United Methodist Church.

Board and Council Members RSVP the office.

### **WEB-PAGE**

**Wind of the Spirit Web Page address is**

**[www.wosm-nw.org](http://www.wosm-nw.org)**



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## AUGUST HEALING ACADEMY

Matthew writes, "*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria and the people came bringing to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon possessed, those having seizures and the paralyzed, and he healed them.*" Matthew 4:23, 24

When Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out to preach the gospel and heal the sick. That is his job description for his disciples then—and now. We are to tell the good news and then demonstrate it.

One facet of the work that is assigned by God to Wind of the Spirit Ministries, is that of preaching and teaching the Gospel through healing and wholeness.

The Healing Academy is a vital part of this ministry as it helps to equip persons with necessary tools to carry out their ministry assignment. The lectures and workshops are designed to give opportunity for participants to receive information about the various aspects of healing, but also to have opportunity to put into practice that which they have learned.

Workshops accompany each teaching session so that each person will have opportunity to experience healing in their own lives as well as practice in helping others receive healing.

The guidance and anointing of the Holy Spirit is sought for all teaching and workshop sessions. These are opportunities for a spiritual encounter with him who is the source of all healing.

The enclosed brochure will provide details that are related to **the Healing Academy that is scheduled for August 12-16.** The location is the United Methodist Church in Silverdale, WA.

This summer session is conducted so that teachers in the public school system can have the opportunity to participate.

This will be a particularly exciting Academy as several of our newer teachers will be participating in the lecture sessions. You will not want to miss their enthusiasm and their obvious love for Jesus that radiates forth from their lives.

We encourage you to register early so that we may make plans according to the size of the group. You may register at the door, but we believe you will benefit from an early registration.

Some partial scholarships are available for those who have real need. **Call the office at 360-692-9813 Ext 14.**

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Ephesians.4:11

## MINISTRY CALENDAR

**PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS**

**OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES**

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<b>JUNE 19-22</b>	<b>PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Puyallup, WA</b>
<b>JUNE 20 28</b>	<b>Kevin Eyer Wedding in Ferndale, WA ANNUAL WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES' BOARD AND COUNCIL MEEETING at Silverdale United Methodist Church</b>
<b>JULY 16-20</b>	<b>ALDRSGATE CONFERENCE in Springfield, IL</b>
<b>AUGUST 16-20</b>	<b>HEALING ACADEMY at the Silverdale United Methodist Church, Silverdale, WA</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>TOUCHED BY GRACE, Men's Conference, Bremerton, WA</b>

