

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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THIS IS THE AIR I BREATHE

“This is the air I breathe;
your Holy Presence living in me.”
This is my daily bread;
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I’m desperate for you.”

[By Michael Smith]

Sometimes it’s just plain hard to get your breath. You come up against an experience in your life—such as a frightening or scary encounter with a situation, or even an individual, that just takes your breath away. You find yourself gasping for air and your lungs are crying out for more oxygen. Fear sets in!

Few of us probably ever have that dramatic of an experience, but we may know those who have.

That which is probably more common to us, happens with the sudden death of a loved one—whether young or old. Death simply sucks the breath out of you and you find yourself having to remind yourself to breathe. That which is normal to our autonomic nervous system, and to which we rarely pay attention, suddenly has to be consciously reminded to do its work.

When we face those kinds of experiences, even as people of faith we sometimes cry out, “God, where are you,” or “God, why?”

God doesn’t mind us calling out in that way for it gives opportunity for his Spirit to speak to those breathless moments with the reassurance of his presence.

God has said in his Word, **“I will never leave you or forsake you.”** Hebrews 13:5. In other words, He is our constant Companion and Friend, especially in those times that take away our breath. Companion is two words: Com=“with” and Panion = “breath.” The Spirit of God comes to give us breath when we think we can’t go on breathing.

The Hebrew word for Spirit is “Ruach” meaning wind or breath. The Holy Spirit is the very Breath of God that enables us to go on breathing, because God’s Spirit will breathe new life into our lives day by day. He is the very air we breathe.

We have a God who knows the very thing through

which we are going, the thing that takes away our breath, the pain and hurt we are experiencing for Jesus reveals to us that God is a God of Compassion. God has a compassionate understanding of our pain and suffering.

Compassion is two words: Com=“with” and Passion = “Suffering.” God is with us in our suffering. God does not stay in the heavens and watch from afar as we experience the “breathless” moments of this life. He enters our suffering and feels our loss—especially in the death of a loved one.

He knows the reality of death and the pain that goes with it. This is one reason Jesus came to **“destroy death and bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel.”** II Timothy 1:10 Death is a thief that comes to **“steal, kill and destroy.”** But Jesus came **“that we might have life.”** John 10:10

God understands our loss and he has provided a way for it to be overcome with the promise and hope of new life beyond death He is the Compassionate God.

Then God’s Word reminds us that He is also our Comforter. **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.”** II Corinthians 1:3

In those scary and often frightening times of pain and loss, a person may wonder “How am I going to get through this? I just don’t have the strength to go on.”

Comfort is two words: Com = “with” and Forte = “Strength.” In our times of weakness, loss of strength and even the desire to go on, God comes with strength to fortify us and energize us in spirit, soul and body, to go on.

He gives us the power we need to face each day—and sometimes each hour, with the strength we need to meet the day with new hope and new courage.

God understands how we are sometimes robbed of our strength and feel weak. In that very time God’s Spirit within us reminds us that when I am weak, then I am strong. For, once again God’s Word speaks to our condition, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

II Corinthians 12:6

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“SCRIPTURAL GUIDELINES TO MINISTERING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

I—Be Christ’s Person, Acts Chapters 1 and 2

If a person is to live in the power of the Holy Spirit and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit, then one must first be totally committed to Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:20 must be a reality in their life: *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me and the life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God.”*

It means that we are totally “sold out” to Jesus and totally filled and empowered with God’s Holy Spirit. One cannot live and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit unless the power of the Spirit is alive in us.

II—Have a Prayer Life, Acts 3:1

“One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer, at three in the afternoon.”

Prayer is essential! It is imperative that we develop a lifestyle of prayer wherein we stay in communication with God, following the example set by our Lord, Jesus. In prayer we learn to will what God wills, think as God thinks and do what God does. There is no Spirit-powered ministry apart from prayer.

III—Have Holy Spirit Ability to see People, Acts 3:4

“Peter and John looked straight at him. [the crippled man].”

The Holy Spirit enables us to look past the circumstances of a person’s life and look into their heart and see their deeper need. We are called to “see” people, not look through them or past them, but to focus on them.

IV—Maintain the Right Focus, Acts 3:11-16

“Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?...The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus.”

The focus is always on Jesus and the work of His Holy Spirit, not on our ministry or the ministry of others. As John the Baptist said, *“He must become greater. I must become less.”* John 3:30

VI—Know and Articulate the Scriptures, Acts 3:22-26

Peter spoke: *“For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.’”*

A person does not have to be a Bible scholar, but one does have to know the Word and what it says in order to apply the Word to life.

VII—Let the Holy Spirit Speak through You, Acts 4:7,8

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...”

Jesus made it very clear to the disciples that they were not to worry about what they were going to say for it would not be them speaking but the Holy Spirit speaking through them.

Careful preparation of the message we are to give or the ministry we are to provide is very necessary. However, it is imperative that we be filled with the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit the freedom to quicken our hearts and minds with God given insights at the very moment we speak.

VIII—God uses Ordinary People, Acts 4:13

“When they [the Council] saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they...took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

God uses highly educated people to accomplish great things in the work of the Kingdom—the Apostle Paul, for example.

However, God also uses unschooled, uneducated, ordinary people to accomplish other great things. The Holy Spirit gives “on the job training,” to all to are sold out to Jesus and have a heart’s desire to be led by the Spirit to share the Gospel with others.

IX—Witness to What is Seen and Heard, Acts 4:20

Peter and John to the Council: *“We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”*

Hearsay evidence is not allowed in the courtroom, only what the witness has “seen” and “heard.” By the power of the Holy Spirit we, as followers of Jesus, give witness to what we have seen and heard. Scripture reminds us that Jesus said and did only what he saw and heard the Father saying and doing. That sets the example for us.

The Adversary is overcome by *“the blood of the Lamb and the word of testimony.”* Revelation 12:11

X—Have a Support Group, Acts 4:21-23

“On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.”

Jesus sent the disciples out “two by two.” The early church gathered together for support, encouragement and accountability. “Lone Ranger” ministry is not effective and is easily defeated. Burnout is one of the consequences of failing to be surrounded by like-minded and like-spirited persons who also keep you covered with prayer.

XI—Focus on Praise to God, not Circumstances, Acts 4:24-30

“Now Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy Servant Jesus.”

Difficult experiences can easily serve to cause us to cry out to God against the perpetrators of our predicament.

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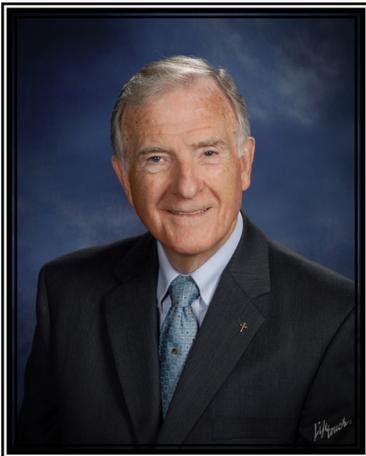
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“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11



MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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*June 28-July2—ALDRSGATE HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE,
Lexington, KY*

Larry will be teaching two workshops on “Scriptural Guide lines for Ministering in the Power of the Holy Spirit,” based on Acts 1:1—Acts 5:11

JULY 6-8—Motivational Gifts Seminary, Asbury UMC, Ft. Payne, AL, Pastor Taylor Gallman.

*The Wind of the Spirit Ministries Team: Jeremy and Joy Ellington, Tracy Martello, Donna Kirkpatrick and Larry Eddings
9—Larry Preaches for the Asbury service of worship*

*AUGUST 19-31—HEALING ACADEMY in Tallin, Estonia
27—Ministry in Church served by the Kants*

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