



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work

What is this “work” of patience that scripture talks about? “*let patience have her perfect work...*” - James 1:4 [KJV]. The word patience is translated as *endurance* in other versions of scripture.

This past week has opened my eyes in regard to a lack of patience on my part. I thought I was doing so much better in this department! You may find the following circumstances ridiculous or you may identify with it.

My dog came down with pneumonia. The vet said “he probably has kennel cough that has turned into pneumonia”. Immediately, my patience for this “diagnosis” grew very thin. After all, my dog doesn’t leave home and is not around strange dogs. The vet said kennel cough can be caught from, for instance, something carried home on our clothing. But my husband and I have not been around any dogs other than our own!

Do you see my pattern of thinking? First, I doubt the vet’s diagnosis and begin to look for how this could have happened. Then I get frustrated and as I worry about my dog it turns to anger. So much for how well I was doing with patience!

On top of that, I now need to administer three medications daily, which dog won’t take no matter what I do. Three times per day, dog must be put in a steamy room for 15 minutes each time. Dog won’t eat or drink so I am scrambling to figure out how to get food and water down him. Three days in, and he doesn’t seem to be improving.

Yes, I have prayed. God has not healed my dog. The Lord must have **something better** in mind, because *He hears me when I pray*. Do you suppose that my dog’s affliction is **more about me** than about my dog? At this point, I have to say (in a very unhappy tone of voice), “PROBABLY!”

If you have stayed with me thus far, thank you! Even if you aren’t a person who likes pets, there is something to learn here. The first thing is that the “work” of patience is not comfortable, pleasant, or easy. The work that is being done is a “rooting out”

of something within us that is not compatible with the nature of Jesus. And God’s ultimate goal for our time here on earth is to change us to the image of His son [Romans 8:29]; to “fit us for heaven” as the old hymn goes.

I thank God for His kindness in teaching me through a small thing. And since I have already asked God to heal my dog, I will now pray, “Father, help me cooperate with what you are doing in my life. Give me wisdom to rightly use this circumstance and help me ‘consider it an opportunity for great joy’.”

Let’s listen to the whole passage from the book of James concerning the work of patience:

*“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an **opportunity for great joy**.*

*For you know that when your faith is tested, your **endurance (patience)** has a chance to grow.*

*So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

*But when you ask him, **be sure that your faith is in God alone**. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.*

*Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.*

*Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do”.*

James 1:2-8 [NLT]

Trials bring an opportunity to place our faith in God alone. There are times when we don’t see an answer to prayer. It may be that we aren’t praying in agreement with what God is doing. In those times, we need to ask God **how** to pray so that we can cooperate with His work in our circumstances. -Tracy

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## THERE TRULY IS "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT!"

Larry Eddings

I had the privilege of travelling to Tulsa, OK on the dates of March 8-10 for a Life in the Spirit Seminar, conducted by a team from the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, with offices in Goodlettsville, TN. It has been my privilege to be a part of that Ministry from its inception in 1978. The Tulsa Team included Mark and Betty Barrow, Jennifer Peat, Donna Hackett - all from the home office, and several team members from several other states who traveled at their own expense to lead in this important ministry.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed to bring renewal to a local church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Various teachings on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit give opportunity for the participants to not only gain fresh understanding of his work, but also to experience being Baptized with the Spirit and empowered for productive ministry.

I was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Saturday evening healing service and to participate, with my daughter, Teri - who accompanied me on the trip, in the prayer healing ministry following the evening and morning services. About two hundred people attended the Saturday evening service and many received various levels of healing during the ministry time.

We were privileged to help two couples renew their marriage vows as the result of God giving the team a Word of Knowledge that there needed to be restoration in their relationship. They agreed that there was truly a need in that area of their lives, as so we helped them to renew their vows and begin anew in expressing their love for each other. My first time ever of helping couples renew their marriage vows during the prayer ministry time!

The trip to Tulsa also gave me opportunity to renew face to face friendship with long-time friends and colleagues in ministry. Dr. Bill and Judy Gillingham, longtime friends and supporters of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, met us for dinner at and "old stomping ground cafe," Ri Le's, for dinner. What a blessed time that was. They also came to the Saturday evening healing service where I got to see them once again.

I was privileged to stay in the home of Mr. Larry Rose, a friend since our days on the staff at Tulsa First UMC, in 1996-97. What a joy to renew friendship with him and meet his rescue dog, Peach.

In addition, Rev. Jessica Moffett, who was Executive Minister to the Lead Pastor when we were there twenty-two years ago, is now the Lead Pastor and a dynamic woman of God. She gave her testimony of a tragic car accident while we were there and how God had used Audrey and me to help bring healing to her bruised and broken body. To God be the glory. He has raised her up for a time such as this.

More blessings were showered on me as I was able to renew friendship with three other staff members: Arden Autrey, Connie Cole Jeske and Joe Bias, the worship leader. O, what a blessing they were and are!

This whole trip was a reminder of the wonderful ways in which God knits his family together and meets our needs far beyond our expectations. We are never alone or forgotten, for his love binds us together wherever we may be and for however long we may be apart.

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit." To God be the Glory!*



## KENYA MISSION

Wind of the Spirit Ministries is planning to go back to Kenya in October of this year ***to train 80-100 pastors and church leaders, most of whom do not have any official Bible training.*** We plan to teach a "Healing Academy". This is a very demanding trip. The Healing Academy has 14 teachings and 14 workshops. It takes 20 hours of flying plus layovers and a team of at least five is necessary. Without your help this cannot happen. The entire financial burden is on Wind of the Spirit Ministries. Our hosts in Kenya are taking responsibility for mobilizing the pastors and church leaders, securing the location where event will be held, preparing meals during the event, and arranging local transportation.

We believe God has called us and we are boldly asking you to participate through your prayers and financial giving. Western Kenya is a field ready for harvest and those pastors must be equipped! It is the very thing this ministry was called to do from its inception. Partner with us in taking what God has given us to share, to Kenya.



## PHILIPPINES MINISTRY AND MEDICAL MISSIONS

God is calling us to the Philippines again in early 2020 for a joint ministry trip and medical mission trip. Please hold these events up in prayer as we begin the planning process. The presence of the Lord was evident last year as we shared with pastors and church leaders during the Conferences on the Holy Spirit held in Davao and Kabacan. It was a time of healing, renewal and reconciliation.

We will again be presenting seminars in different districts presided over by Bishop Rudy Juan. The Bishop also wants a medical mission in his area. There will be several other medical missions on different islands.

Last year, hundreds of people had medical needs met. Many also had needs met through prayer as part of the medical mission. These missions are set up in "stations". One of those stations is for prayer, and there we prayed for the needs verbalized by those who came for medical treatment.

We saw one man have his leg healed immediately after prayer! He looked astonished and kept moving his leg as if to confirm the healing over and over! Another person came for prayer and the Holy Spirit led the prayer team to ask if there was someone that person needed to forgive. They said, "Yes," and so this person spoke forgiveness through tears and was set free.

God was indeed present and everyone, patients and team alike, were blessed by His loving-kindness.



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## BARRIERS TO BLESSINGS

Prayer is how we relate to God. Prayer carries with it the meaning of "moving our desires toward" God. Hopefully our desires line up with God's desires or we may be praying without getting an answer. The most important factor in prayer is knowing God's nature and the way He does things. We gain this knowledge through reading the Scriptures and looking carefully at the life of Jesus. When we trust Jesus as the Son of God, the Holy Spirit gives us understanding regarding the knowledge we have gained from Scripture. Lack of knowledge keeps us from knowing what God wills (desires) for our lives and is a great barrier to prayer and the blessings God has for us. Some of the other barriers to blessings are:

### Unbelief

If we do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Holy Spirit cannot come and live in us. We are saved through faith in Jesus who is God incarnate. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit means to be immersed in the nature of God, and Jesus has the very same nature as God the Father. We must know Jesus Christ before we can be empowered by the Holy Spirit, because the Spirit of Jesus *is* the Holy Spirit.

### Sin

Sin is what God says it is, not what we want it to be or not be. Our culture doesn't use the word sin anymore, but that doesn't change the nature of sin. We can quickly identify those things that are contrary to God's design for our lives (sin) when we read the Bible. It is not always comfortable to find out that something in our lives is not as it was intended to be, but our discomfort does not change the nature of sin. Galatians 5:17 reads, *"The sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other..."* When we recognize sin in our lives, it is our responsibility to do something about it. Either we ignore it and refuse to trust God's design, or we must ask God to forgive us and set us free. When we ignore sin, we also say no to God's blessings.

### Unforgiveness

Unforgiveness on our part is also a barrier to prayer. God wants us to be free to enjoy all the blessings He has for us! When we refuse to forgive, it reveals that we do not understand how much God has forgiven us. *We* are in bondage when we do not forgive others. We are commanded to forgive for our own good, not because God wants to make us squirm! He wants to be in relationship with us. (Last month, there was a clear description in the newsletter of what forgiveness is and is not.) Forgiving sets us free!

### Fear

Fear is the exact opposite of Faith. If we don't believe **God is good** and wants the best for us, we won't have faith in Him. If we do not know God's nature, we will fear what He may expect from us. We may have to forgive parents, teachers or other authority figures for misrepresenting God through their words or behavior. It is imperative that we know the truth about God before we can have faith in Him. Faith must then act!

In addition to my prayer and moral support of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, I wish to contribute the following:  
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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*



### PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES  
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July 13  18-21	<b>Wind of the Spirit's Annual Board and Council Meeting.</b>  <b>Larry will be speaking at the Clergy/Spouse Breakfast at Aldersgate Renewal Conference in Springfield, Illinois.</b>
October	<b>Mission trip to Western Kenya where we have been invited to present a "Healing Academy". Pray for God's direction and provision.</b>
January 2020	<b>Philippines Ministry events and Medical Missions. Please pray for God's direction as these events are being planned.</b>