

The Kingdom and the Wind

PRAY FOR ISRAEL PENN'S SEED PA ELECTIONS — REGISTER!

I. The Kingdom is in the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands **through the Holy Spirit** to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and **speaking** about the **kingdom of God**.

28:30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 **proclaiming the kingdom of God** and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Rom 14:17 For the **kingdom of God** is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit. **INTERNAL** —> **RELATIONAL** —> **OVERFLOW**

רוּחַ (rûah) **wind, breath, mind**. The basic idea of rûah (Gr. pneuma) is “**air in motion**”

WIND —> WEATHER, WAVES, CYCLES — Uneven heating. Atmospheres changing. Wind blowing across water will produce waves. Fetch. Breakers.

I. CREATION – Chaos is Opportunity. Crisis is the Process! **Rejoice in Tribulation... knowing...**

WIND — Transforming Bottomless Chaos into Fluidity and Potential

Gen 1:1 In the **beginning**, God **created** the **heavens and the earth**. 2 The earth was **without form and void**, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was **hovering** over the **face** of the waters. *The Spirit vibrates creatively.*

Creative Word... Very Good

Nothing is impossible when Holy Spirit is hovering. We came from Calif in 1987 in a very dark time with nothing... no idea what our future might be. Didn't know anyone. Weren't sure why we were here. TOHU and BOHU! One year later... "I have set you here..."

We came with nothing and now, we have an ABUNDANT Life....

IMAGE & LIFE

Gen 1:26 Then God **said**, "Let us make man in **our image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male** and **female** he created them.

II. DELIVERANCE from Chaos & Tyranny

Set ups!

Ex 14:13 And Moses said to the people, "**Fear not, stand firm, and see** the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The **LORD** will fight for you... you have only to **be silent**." *[Slide 1]*

16 Lift up your **staff**, and stretch out your **hand** over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.

21 Then Moses stretched out his **hand** over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a **strong east wind all night** and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on **dry ground**, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The Spirit (Breath) makes a way where there is no way.

Simplicity and the Miracle Tire... *Glow in the Dark*, 105-107.

One summer evening, we gathered in a living room with about 70 other young people to worship and to share fresh insights and experiences. Just as we were starting, three friends came bursting through the door. Their faces were aglow with holy awe as they told what had just transpired.

Rocky, Keith, and Heidi had driven an old pickup truck down into a steep river canyon, over miles of dirt road, until they came to a place on the river where there was a pool, a beach, and sparkling sunlight. They parked their truck and climbed down a small cliff with their guitars to the beach below. Accomplished musicians, they spent the afternoon there and wrote several new songs the Lord gave them.

Later, a group of about 30 hippies arrived by a dirt road on the other side of the river. As this group found a beach area across from my friends, they began taking off their clothes and went “skinny dipping” in the clear waters of the Stanislaus River. Rocky and Keith felt like they should leave. As they were climbing up the cliff, Heidi stopped and told the guys that she thought they were making a mistake. This was an opportunity to worship and share the good news of Jesus. So they returned to the beach and began to play their guitars and sing some of the beautiful songs they had written.

Soon a number of the naked hippies swam over to them and were drawn by not only the music, but by the tangible presence of God. Our friends shared the message of Jesus and a some of the hippies believed in Jesus. The afternoon passed quickly in true joy and love. When it was time to leave, two of these new converts asked if they could get a ride back into town. A young man and a teenage “mom with her nursing baby joined the climb back up the cliff to the waiting ’53 Chevy pickup.

Much to our friends’ disappointment, the right front tire was completely flat. They had no spare. Heidi sat in the cab of the truck, resigned that this would be a very long day. Rocky and Keith

discussed the best course of action. One of them would have to roll the wheel out to the highway, miles away and mostly uphill. Catching a ride to a service station would be the next challenge. How much money did they have? Would it be enough?

As they considered these dismal prospects, the young man who had just met Jesus an hour or two earlier asked, "Why don't you pray and ask God to fill the tire with air?" So they did!

Sitting in the cab with her head down on the dashboard, Heidi felt the right side of the truck lift. She assumed the guys were jacking up the truck to take off the wheel. She was confused when Rocky jumped in behind the steering wheel with a huge smile and started the engine, put in the clutch, and shifted into gear.

Heidi asked, "What are you doing?"

Rocky and Keith rejoiced together, "God just healed the tire! Hallelujah!"

Waves of astonishment washed over them! They trusted God and were riding back to town on a miracle! Brimming with joy, they pulled up to the meeting, which had already begun. Faces aglow, they threw open the door and blurted out the story!

At that, all of us jumped up and ran out of the house and across the street. Many of us touched the dusty, bald tire that God had miraculously filled with air.

The Spirit made a WAY where there was NO WAY.

III. RESTORES Lost Hopes

Ezek. 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was **full** of bones. **2** And he **led me around among them**, and behold, there were **very many** on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were **very dry**.

3 And he said to me, "**can these bones live?**" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." **[Slide 2]**

4 Then he said to me, “**Prophecy** over these bones, and **say to** them, O dry bones, **hear the word** of the **LORD**.

The word became flesh... we beheld his glory... The law was given by Moses, grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, **I will cause BREATH** to **enter you**, and **you shall live**. [Slide 3]

6 And I will **lay sinews** (connections) upon you, and will **cause flesh** (muscle, humanity, the Word becomes flesh) to come upon you, and **cover you with skin** (identity), and **put BREATH in you**, and **you shall live**, (Holy Spirit - Lord and giver of life) and **you shall know** (relationship) that I am the LORD.”

7 So I **prophesied** as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a **sound**, and behold, a **rattling**, and the bones **came together, bone to its bone** (joints of supply). 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was **no breath** in them.

9 Then he said to me, “**Prophecy to the BREATH**; prophecy, son of man, and **say to the BREATH**, Thus says the Lord GOD: **Come** from the four winds, **O BREATH**, and **BREATHE on these slain**, that **they may live**.”

10 So I **prophesied** as he commanded me, and **the BREATH** came into them, and they **lived** and **stood** on their feet, an **exceedingly great army**.

Pray this way, “thy kingdom come.”

11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, **they say**, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’

12 Therefore prophecy, and **say to them**, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, **I will open your graves** and **raise you** from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into **the land of Israel**. 13 And

you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

14 And ***I will put my Spirit within you***, and ***you shall live***, and ***I will place you in your own land***. Then **you shall know** that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

The Spirit (Breath) RESTORES LIFE and HOPE

Can these bones live?”

Jeff and Emily Matthew

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IV. KINGDOM

A. Already —> Not Yet <Here, but still coming>

Celebrate when we see it.... Joyfully await its coming fullness when we don't see it in its full measure.

B. First Priority

Mt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ***[Slide 5]***

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about ...

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy**
in the Holy Spirit.

INTERNAL —> RELATIONAL —> OVERFLOW

It starts inside. Breath Holy Spirit in. He’s omnipresent, but He’s personal.

What is individually internalized will manifest in the relationships of a community.

Luke 17:20 Being asked by the Pharisees **when** the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,

21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God **is in the midst of you.**" (NKJ), within you (all) TPT — **already expanding** within some of you.

The RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Not MY righteousness, the righteousness that exists in the relationships of Father, Son, and Spirit. It is his GIFT that comes through my belief that He has provided through his Cross...

2Cor 5:21 For our sake he made him **to be** sin who knew no sin, so that in him we **might become** the righteousness of God.

That's the possibility! That would be the **best version** of your soul.

1Pet 1:22 Having purified your souls **by** your **obedience** to the truth...

The PEACE OF God

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Isa 26:3 You keep him in **perfect peace** **SHALOM SHALOM** whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Phil 4:6 (TPT) Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life,

Phil 4:7 And the **peace of God**, which **surpasses ALL understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

UNCREATED ETERNAL WHOLENESS, SUPERABUNDANCE, AND TRANQUILITY of Father, Son, and Spirit. Nothing broken, nothing missing.

It is BEYOND the BEYOND of Human Perception and Comprehension. (Gk. **voûç**).

Will GUARD (Protect, Confine) hearts (source of inner life, desires, purpose)& minds (thoughts, schemes, reasonings) **IN** Christ Jesus!

MSSG Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.

JOY of the LORD [Slide 7]

Neh 8:10b And do not be grieved, for the **joy of the LORD** is your strength." *source of refuge, safety, stronghold.

Ps 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; [Slide 8]
in your presence there is **fullness of joy**;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT [Slide 9]

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

V. WIND Releases the Blessing hiding in the Chaos

It's all **relational**. We need to know the TRUTH about **relationships**.

In YOU Shall all the nations of the earth be blessed:

VI. Commission to Declare the Goodness of God!

A. *Let there be Wind Blow*

B. *There are **NO HOPELESS SITUATIONS! IT MAY LOOK DEAD, LIKE I'm SURROUNDED BUT I'm ... IN YOU!***

Ezek 37:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "**Prophecy** over these bones, and **say** to them, O dry bones, **hear the word of the Lord...**"

The GREAT COMMISSION:

Rom 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.