

I. Without the Winds of the Spirit

- A. The believers existed but they were hiding
- B. The believers had a message but they were silent
- C. The believers had a mission but they were powerless

II. The coming of the Winds of the Spirit

- A. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” (Joel 2:27-28)

- B. The believers experienced the fire of God’s presence

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into his barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (Matthew 3:11-12)

- C. The believers were given the ability to share the gospel

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

III. With the Winds of the Spirit

- A. The believers became a powerful church

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.” (Acts 2:43)

- B. The believers proclaimed the gospel fearlessly

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.” (Acts 5:42)

- C. The church experienced great growth

“The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47)

IV. To experience the Winds of the Spirit

- A. The believer must surrender to the absolute control of God

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.” (Romans 12:1)

- B. The believer trusts that God will fill them with the Holy Spirit

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Luke 11:13)

C. The believer chooses to live in the power of the Holy Spirit

D. The believer daily decides to obey the guidance of the Holy Spirit

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

E. The believer experiences the Holy Spirit working through them

“Now to him who is able to do more than all we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

F. The believer is transformed into the likeness of Christ

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)