



Empowering People to Change the World

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Announce:

- How about this podium!! Dale Milki made this for me.
- Victor Marx will be speaking next weekend at The Road
- New to The Road? Join us tonight for Pit Stop to share about the vision and values of The Road in the lobby/kitchen area
- Testimonies from Windstorm

For the past week, we have been going through Acts 1 and 2 verse by verse, and drawing out characteristics of a Windstorm in times of revival and awakening. We are learning the deeper lessons of what an empowered church in the last days will look like and the kind of power and effects the Spirit brings in a God ordained, God orchestrated Windstorm:

1. Burning Desire leading to Unity and Prayer (Acts 1:14)
2. Devine Disruption (Acts 2:1)
3. Holy Spirit comes. Spirit filling, Spirit spilling (Acts 2:2-3)
4. Mission Magnetism (Acts 2:4-11)
5. Fresh Worship (Acts 2:11)
6. Enlivened Affects (Acts 2:12)

All of these messages are on our website, theroadcs.org, and you also will have access to my notes there

vs. 14

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7) Anointed Vessels

- God took a fearful, brash, selfish, uneducated blue-collar fisherman and turned him into a fearless, humble, focused evangelist! How could this happen?

- Windstorm of the Spirit
- God raises up anointed vessels who get filled and empowered with the Spirit during a revival
- On writer explains, “With those stirrings of the Spirit that are the precursor of revival, there is born in many such hearts a wholesome dissatisfaction with that vague and mystic view of being filled with the Spirit that leaves one in the dark as to what it is, how it comes and whether or not one has received it.”
Wallis, *ibid*, p. 69
- Many are clothed with power—even children begin to manifest the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

***17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.
And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.***

- The Spirit is poured out on “all flesh”: sons, daughters, young men, old men, menservants and maidservants
- Anointing poured out by the Spirit is a work of God that transcends gender, ethnicity, age, or socio-economics—in a time of revival God is fulfilling the prophecy of Joel
- Great preachers come from the outpourings of the Spirit of God. Characteristics of the preaching in times of a windstorm:

Vs. 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know

1) Jesus Focused Preaching—not health and wealth. Not the 5 points to a happy life, but rather, the preaching of Christ and Him crucified.

Solo Christo! By Christ's Work Alone are We Saved

The Reformation called the church back to faith in Christ as the sole mediator between God and man. While the Roman church held that "there is a purgatory and that the souls there detained are helped by the intercessions of the faithful" and that "Saints are to be venerated and invoked;" "that their relics are to be venerated" -- the reformers taught that salvation was by Christ's work alone. As John Calvin said in the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, "Christ stepped in, took the punishment upon himself and bore the judgment due to sinners. With his own blood he expiated the sins which made them enemies of God and thereby satisfied him...we look to Christ **alone** for divine favour and fatherly love!"

- **Paul spoke of such preaching in his ministry: *For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power***¹
- Jesus centered preaching is preaching centered in on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ

2) Bible Based Preaching. In vss 17-21; 25-28 and vs 34-35, Peter is quoting the scriptures

- In a Windstorm, anointed pastors, go back to the Bible and preach from the Bible

¹ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Co 2:2-4). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Sola Scriptura: The Scripture Alone is the Standard

The doctrine that the Bible alone is the ultimate authority was the "Formal Principle" of the Reformation. In 1521 at the historic interrogation of Luther at the Diet of Worms, he declared his conscience to be captive to the Word of God saying, "Unless I am overcome with testimonies from Scripture or with evident reasons -- for I believe neither the Pope nor the Councils, since they have often erred and contradicted one another -- I am overcome by the Scripture texts which I have adduced, and my conscience is bound by God's Word."

3) Heart Centered Preaching. Preaching that not only touches the mind, but the spirit, and the heart. Such Spirit anointed preaching brings conviction and repentance

Vs. 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

- When God is moving in a place, the hearts of men are cut to the core with conviction to go after God
- In writing about Gilbert Tennant a friend and fellow preacher with Jonathan Edwards, it was said of his sermons, “Many had their countenance changed; their thoughts seemed to trouble them, so that their loins were loosed and their knees smote against each other. Great numbers cried aloud in the anguish of their souls. Several stout men fell as though a cannon had been discharged and the ball made its way through their hearts.” Fischer, *Reviving Revivals*, p. 156

Vs. 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.²

8) Supernatural Blessing

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ac 2:41–43). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- 3k in one day! Continual blessing of amazing signs and wonders from heaven
- ***Acts 4:4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.***
- ***Acts 5:14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.***
- It is said that from 1735 to 1745 in the U.S., when the 1st Great Awakening took place under Jonathan Edwards that some 50k people came into the church.
- From 1857 to 1859 in the great revival of the 2nd Great Awakening, it is computed that half a million people joined the church. Not decisions for Christ, but men and women who joined the church! Became life long disciples.
- The Jesus Movement is classically characterized by long hair, bell-bottom wearing, tract delivering, finger to the sky pointing, Christian young adults on the late 1960's and 70's. Starting in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, a small group of counter culture and a few seminary trained young people began to reach out to drug infested hippies. They started a Christian Commune and outreach that touched between 30-50k hippies.
- The movement spread into southern California through a hippie preacher named Lonnie Frisbee. Teaming up with John Higgins and Chuck Smith at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, the movement grew in strength and vitality. Soon, thousands of young people were being won to Christ all over Orange County and L.A.

- The Jesus movement spread as on fire hippies planted Christian Communes, new churches, and ministries across the nation.
 - Hundreds of thousands of young people were swept into the church
 - Churches like Calvary Chapel, Hope Chapel, Vineyard, Jesus People, and Jews for Jesus were birthed from this movement
 - In 1972, Campus Crusade for Christ held a massive event in Dallas, Texas called EXPLOR '72 and 85,000 Jesus People attended the five-day event. The Saturday all-day closing concert drew a crowd estimated at 180,000! Billy Graham came, as did Johnny Cash.
 - In a time when young people were searching for salvation politically and ecologically and free love through sex, drugs and rock n roll, Christ came down in a “windstorm”
- Recently, *Christianity Today* magazine selected their annual "Book of the Year" award. They chose *Gods Forever Family - The Jesus People Movement in America* by Larry Eskridge. It boldly proclaims that "the Jesus People Movement was one of the most important American religious movements of the second half of the 20th century" and that it "must be considered one of the formative powers that shaped American youth in the late 1960s and 1970s."

Vs. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

9) New Wave Society

- **A type of kingdom of God, a foretaste of the kingdom, a new society, a kind of vanguard society where Christ is enthroned. A family, a community of love. Koinonia.**
- **Characteristics:**
 - Focus on simplicity: Bible teaching, Communion, Worship
 - Unity
 - Sharing life together in homes
 - Joy
 - Simplicity
- Jonathan Edwards, writing of the Windstorm in Northhampton, Massachusetts, “In the spring and summer following 1735, the town seemed to be full of the presence of God as it never was so full of love, nor so full of joy, and yet so full of distress as it was then...our public assemblies were so beautiful; the congregation was alive in God’s service, everyone earnestly intent on the public worship, every hearer eager to drink in the words of the minister...the assembly...from time to time in tears while the word was preached; some weeping with joy and distress, others with joy and love—still others in pity and concern for the souls of their neighbors.” Fischer, *Reviving Revivals*, p. 158
- During the First Great Awakening, the movement of the Spirit had moved through the middle colonies and went south. In twenty years between twenty-five and fifty thousand were added to the church
- With the Azusa Street Revival of 1906, came such an outpouring not just of the Spirit but of mission outreach and church planting as the world has not ever seen Dr C Peter Wagner writes, “In all of history no other non-political, non-militaristic, voluntary human movement has grown as rapidly

as the Pentecostal-charismatic movement." Synan, *And the Spirit said Grow*, preface

Benediction: "Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy" (Hab. 3:2).

Further Notes: Although there is no particular reference that is considered to have triggered the whole of the Jesus Movement, there is one common starting point. In San Francisco within the Haight-Ashbury district, a hub of counterculture had formed. It was in this district that Ted Wise and his wife began evangelizing a group of hippies in late 1966 (12). Soon, Steve Heefner, a disc jockey friend of Wise's, accepted Jesus. Two other friends of Wise named Jim Doop and Danny Sands, also became Christians. Sands was so impressed by the biblical story of the rich young ruler that he sold everything and drove up and down the coast of California until he and his family eventually moved in with Wise and his wife. In the following year, this group of people started a coffeehouse in the Haight-Ashbury district in order to evangelize the area. In the two years that the coffeehouse was opened, somewhere between 30,000 to 50,000 young people heard the message of the gospel. It was these 30,000 to 50,000 people that have been said to have started the nationwide spread of the Jesus Movement. A Four Square pastor, who was about ready to quit his ministry came to a little country church in Orange County called Calvary Chapel and began preaching from the Bible verse by verse and a great revival broke out and suddenly thousands of hippies, drug dealers, and pimps were getting saved in southern California, and the Jesus movement of the 1960's and 70's broke out and became so prominent that Time Magazine made it a cover article in June of 1971

After some time, Lonnie Frisbee who was one of the members of the commune felt the Lord calling him to start a ministry in California (14). So, he and his wife moved down to California where they met John Higgins. John wanted to do the exact same thing as Frisbee; so, they rented a house together in Costa Mesa, CA. Calling it the House of

Acts, they opened it up for communal living and history began to repeat itself (14).

The Jesus Movement on the Southern California coast began when Chuck Smith became the Pastor of a small 25-member congregation in Santa Ana, California. It was 1965 when he took over the pastorate and when his heart was drawn to the young people of the day. Chuck Smith and his wife were on the beach in California and noticing numerous young people along the coast. While there, they commented on how there must be some way to reach them with the gospel. Soon, they met their daughters boyfriend John who introduced them to Lonnie Frisbee. Chuck asked Lonnie to become the Youth Leader for Calvary (Calvary Chapel para 4). Lonnie became a key figure in bringing the hippies into the church and the message to the streets (Calvary Chapel para 5). See <http://www.angelfire.com/funky/jcpeople/>