

**Introduction:**

- Three weeks ago we were looking at the subject of the Holy Spirit and I made this statement, *"When the Holy Spirit is moving restoration is happening."* My desire is to connect us to the movement of the Holy Spirit. From Genesis 3 on, when we see Holy Spirit in the scriptures, God is moving to restore something to man. *"From the very beginning of creation we have an indication that the Holy Spirit's work is to complete and sustain what God the Father has planned and what God the Son has begun."*  
W. Gruden, Systematic Theology.
- Holy Spirit - *"His creativity is amazing, His rhythm is unmatched, His movement is seamless! Do you wanna Dance?"*
- Next we looked at how flawlessly God moves and the detail in which He moves (Peter and Cornelius, Paul and Ananias.)
- One of the great restoration scriptures we find in the Word of God is Ezk. 37:14 *"I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!"* (Ezekiel 37:14, NLT) Two things happen in this passage after the Holy Spirit is on the inside: One - You will live! Two - you will return home. You will go back home...to the dwelling place with God. (Kingdom ways of living this life.)
- That is our mission as believers too. Paul called it the ministry of reconciliation. Getting God and man back together. When God comes in reconciliation He come with recompense! Is 35:4. And He does this swiftly. It is about leading people to Christ and it definitely about making disciples!

**I. Movement** - When we see the Holy Spirit in scripture we see God moving! We see LIFE happening! And people being filled with Joy. In Ezk 37:14 the word 'live' "haya": *As a verb this root appears in three stems in Hebrew. The Qal conveys the basic meaning "to live or have life" whereas the two derived stems overlap in their meaning of "giving or restoring life."* Smick, E. B. (1999). R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 279). Chicago: Moody Press. (God moving and life happening!) I want to connect those thoughts with the Holy Spirit.

- A. In the OT - we see the Spirit resting upon particular men for particular task. Also note the creativity of God along the way. Only God could plan this!
1. Joseph was seen to be filled with the Spirit of God. God was saving a nation and His people. *"So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?"* (Genesis 41:38, NLT) How do you get a Jew to save a nation? Sell him into slavery. Moses, How do you save a nation - take a Jew, Moses, out of slavery.
  2. Bezalel a craftsman who helped in Building of Tabernacle. God was restoring worship. *"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts."* (Exodus 31:3, NLT)
  3. In Numbers 11:25 God takes the Spirit that is upon Moses and puts it upon the Elders. He is restoring Kingdom Order and authority.
  4. The Spirit came upon the judges: 3:10; 6:4; 11:29. God was restoring His people.
  5. The Spirit came upon Saul and was upon David his whole life. 1 Sam 11:6; 16:13
  6. The Spirit moved upon the prophets: Ezk, Is. Jeremiah...
  7. Make the connection: When Holy Spirit is moving Life is happening!

- B. At the incarnation
1. Luke 1:15 John the Baptist filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb.
    - a) Note: Zacharias and Elizabeth with righteous and blameless Lk 1:6
  2. Luke 1:35 Holy Spirit comes upon Mary and she conceives. This is not an act of regeneration it is generation! God placing Life in a life. The conception of Jesus for the purpose of the restoration of man to a relationship with God once again.
  3. Luke 1:41 and 1:67 Elizabeth and Zacharias are filled with the Holy Spirit.
    - a) Elizabeth is filled and prophesies to Mary
    - b) Zacharias is filled and prophesies to his son, to his people and to us.
  4. Luke 2:25 Simeon had the Holy Spirit upon him. He was given a word, he prophesied when seeing the Word, and he prophesies to Mary both hope and pain.
  5. Luke 3:22 Jesus is baptized and Holy Spirit descends upon him. And the movement of redemption and restoration begin! The sum of Jesus ministry is restoration of life where ever he went.
- C. In Acts - Holy Spirit is no longer limited to one man at a certain time. He is now given to all who will receive! For all of life or as long as you welcome Him.
1. Acts 1:8 Power to be witnesses. To be witnesses. Note the power that Peter steps into on that first day of being filled with the Holy Spirit. He preaches... 'connecting the dots' throughout scripture. With boldness he calls men to repentance. Later he is not backing down from his accusers, "*Better to obey God than men!*"
  2. Acts 3:7 lame beggar healed. vs 12 Peter sees his opportunity and begins preaching. A bunch got saved and now the total number of men who believed were 5,000 Acts 4:4.
  3. Phillip and Samaritans, Ethiopian Holy Spirit movement brought LIFE!
  4. Acts 8:4 the scattered Christians preached everywhere they went. The apostles stayed in Jerusalem. Holy Spirit movement brought LIFE!
  5. Peter and Cornelius Holy Spirit movement brought LIFE!
  6. Paul and all the gentile nations! Holy Spirit movement brought LIFE!
- D. When we see the Holy Spirit in scripture He is moving and He is bringing life.

## II. Mission

- A. In our text, God said, *I will put my Spirit in you and you will live!* This is the mission of the Holy Spirit...to cause to have life. "*And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.*" (Ezekiel 36:26-27, NLT) In these scriptures God is increasing land, people, livestock, harvest...LIFE! Because His breath...Ruah, has gone out from Him.
1. The Holy Spirit is on a mission! "We may define the work of the Holy Spirit as follows: The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church." Grudem Systematic Theology. The Holy Spirit is connected to missions! His mission is two fold:
    - a) To cause to live. The the waters of the river of life, Tree of life.
      - (1) God breathed into the man He formed and he began to live.
      - (2) Ezk 37 God breathes into the dry bones and they live.

- (3) Ezk 37:11 The confession of the bones is this:
- (a) *We are old*, no longer useful, not valued.
  - (b) *We are dry!* Without water, without life.
  - (c) *We have no hope!* No spark of life.
- (4) Therefore prophesy and I will put my breath in the bones and they shall live.
- b) To cause to return to the beginning...God.
2. Since the Holy Spirit is on God's mission, He is sent!
    - a) We too are sent by God and our mission field is our work, home, and market place.
    - b) There is a clear connection between the mission of the church and the mission of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was driven (By the Spirit) to inaugurate his mission of the salvation of the world. It is the Holy Spirit that inaugurates the mission from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Jesus earthly ministry was completely guided by the Holy Spirit.
  - B. The Mission is God's. But God chooses to give the mission to a man. When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit you are launched! Trained or not! *"The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus."* (Acts 4:13, NLT)
    1. The person of the Holy Spirit is "the catalyst and guiding force" for the church.
    2. His active involvement with the church began with its inception at Pentecost Acts 2:4-12.
    3. He guided Philip to preach to the Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8:29,39.
    4. And sent Peter to preach to Cornelius and his family Acts 10:19ff).
    5. He directed the church at Jerusalem regarding doctrine Acts 15:28;8.
    6. He directed people geographically Acts 16:6-10; 19:21;20:22; 21:11)
    7. He also enabled boldness in witnessing for Christ Acts 4:31;6:5,10,55.
- III. **Restoration**
- A. The dry bones said:
    1. *We are old*, no longer useful, not valued.
    2. *We are dry!* Without water, without life.
    3. *We have no hope!* No spark of life.
    4. People want to be loved, valued and accepted. In Christ we have the power to do that by the Holy Spirit. This was the ministry of Jesus.
      - a) Thief on the cross-today you shall be with me in paradise.
      - b) Woman at his feet, "Do you see this woman."
      - c) Eating at Zacheus the tax collectors house.
    5. People want to have hope. Ie. again the three examples.
    6. People want life.
  - B. Anytime we touch people with the Holy Spirit we give them life.
    1. *"There will be swarms of living things wherever the water of this river flows. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will become fresh. Life will flourish wherever this water flows."* (Ezekiel 47:9, NLT)
  - C. Anytime we touch people with the Holy Spirit we take them back to their 'roots!'"

1. *“And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents... Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.”* (Hebrews 11:9-10, NLT)
2. Fellowship with God. An eternal home...with eternal life.

**Conclusion:**

- You were created to live!
- You were created walk with God!
- A man spends his life trying to find his way back to God the Author of life.
- Church if you have Holy Spirit you are on a mission! It is impossible to have Holy Spirit and not be on a mission. The Sent One, Holy Spirit, will always be sending His host!