



Miracles that follow the plow :: Whirlwind of changes

Whirlwind of changes - posted by dolfan (), on: 2014/7/1 14:09

Just got some news from my wife. Seems like a mini-whirlwind of changes going on around us the last two weeks. We have prayed for specific things, and these particular changes are not those things, but God is doing things. Some of it would be upsetting if not for knowing His hand and presence.

Pray that we are patiently and joyfully obedient to Him and that we don't make the mistakes of presumption on anything.

Re: Whirlwind of changes - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/1 14:53

Hey dolfan-

When I read your post I immediately thought of something I wrote a while back so I am going to post it here. I'll be praying for your situations.

When the Wind Blows...

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:8)

Here we have it. In one of the most basic evangelical passages in scripture pertaining to spiritual birth and the Spirit-life (John 3) we have an elemental truth that we simply must absorb into our beings and work it out in our lives: People who are born of the Spirit are like the wind-- they MOVE wherever the Spirit moves. This is not just a geographical concept, although it might be. It simply means that when the Holy Spirit is moving, we, who are Spirit-filled believers, move with Him. And in order to move in the Spirit, we must honor the Spirit's presence by yielding to Him and giving Him first place. Mobility relates to life in the Spirit. Jesus said, in effect, that if you are born in the Spirit, you are moving like the wind. It is a life-issue, not a geographic issue, although God might indeed move us geographically. People that move are alive, and people who are alive in the Spirit move with the Spirit.

Consider Romans 8:14-- "those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." Just as a young child who totters across the floor is a living child of its natural parents, we who are led by the Holy Spirit are children of the Most High.

I believe this truth about our need to be mobile in relation to the Spirit is also shown in this familiar passage from Ezekiel 1:

"When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, and the wheels would rise along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When the creatures moved, they also moved; when the creatures stood still, they also stood still; and when the creatures rose from the ground, the wheels rose along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels."

This passage has always been somewhat mysterious to me, but when I think of wheels, I think of motion. These wheels in Ezekiel's vision moved wherever the Spirit moved. Why? Because the Spirit was in the wheels. If the Holy Spirit is in us, then we better be moving when the Spirit moves. How do we enter into this?

1. We must become people of the Spirit. It's a mindset that says, "Ok- we are going to do this. We are going to be supernatural. This is going to be our language, this is going to be our prayers, and we are going to step out and REALLY start believing that God is real, and He is in our midst. It's an attitude adjustment. We are going to wonder what the Spirit is doing, rather than just wonder if we are going to get through the day.

2. We must be a people of prophecy. I have come to realize that we MUST hear God and we MUST manifest His voice. That's all prophecy is, and we must be a prophetic people. We must become a people who have a posture of the heart where we actually care what God is saying when we gather in large groups, or small groups. That is our priority. Whatever God is saying, and whatever God is doing, we want to partner with THAT. Not something else. The manifestation of the

Spirit derives from the spoken word. It's just how the Spirit operates. What is God saying? What is God doing? When we find that out, THAT is what we will speak and THAT is what we will do. If we want to be people of the Spirit, we have to really start caring about the Holy Spirit's presence and then start prophesying by getting into agreement with God in what we say and what we do. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and that man of the Spirit, Jesus, was a man who spoke words of the Spirit, and life. He only spoke and did what the Father told him to say and do. That is being prophetic, in a nutshell.

God is moving, and we don't want to move where He was-- we want to move where He is going. God is calling us to be people of the Spirit, not to be people who are committed to our personal lives first, or our particular format, but TO THE SPIRIT. And it takes a lot of courage to go there, because where He is, there are weird things like wheels with eyes studied all over them.

Re: Whirlwind of changes - posted by ET101, on: 2014/7/2 7:46

Back in 2011 or so, I prayed and asked God boldly 'whatever it takes my Lord, please change this soul and use it for your glory.' God heard. Little did I know that 'changing this soul' would mean over a year or so of unemployment living in poverty at the mercy of a brother in Christ who supports me financially each month. Loss of relationships. Loss of all property. Loss of man's praise.

I was being sensitive to the wind of the Spirit though; obedient to Him saying 'in time I will bring you out of this. . .for now, just abide and remain.'

I've been 'abiding and remaining' a very long time. . .being reshaped at the hands of the Master. . .and just this morning. . .literally an hour or so ago, the wind changed:

Just His voice saying 'Enough! It's over.' I believe He is saying the desert period is over. That simple. That suddenly.

I relate with the comments about living by the Spirit. . .prophetically.