

This August we're looking at four stories from the life of Jesus and the Early Church which build our faith – they're all about

> Wind.... Waves.... Water.... and Fire!

5 August - Catching the Wind of the Spirit - Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3 and Romans 8)

12 August - Don't look at the waves! - Jesus and Peter (Matthew 14) 19 August - "Look, here's water why can't I be baptized?" - Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8) - includes immersion baptism in the sea below the Grand Hotel - followed by a picnic on the beach

26 August - Catching the Fire - Peter and Cornelius (Acts 2 and 10)





*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."* 

John 3.3

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- powerful
- transformational
- brings new life
- unpredictable
- imparts holiness
- brings peace
- assures us we are God's adopted children
- intercedes for us





"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 3.9

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what the sinful nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the sinful nature is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8.5-6

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Romans 8.11

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8.15-

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In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

*Romans 8.26-27* 

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