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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

17-048-6 PULL IN YOUR OARS AND PUT UP YOUR SAILS

00:00 → A teaching on the activity of the Holy Spirit, as introduced by the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus as recorded in John 3.

3:30 John 2:24-3:10 Jesus knew what was on the mind of Nicodemus and so he began to instruct him on the Kingdom, even though Nicodemus did not ask about the kingdom of God. "...no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" The English word "see" may be used in various ways but the Greek here means "Understand". The work of the Spirit is never revealed to the flesh.

7:30 John 3:10 Jesus is amazed that Nicodemus, Israel's Teacher, does not understand the working of the Holy Spirit and the ways of God.

10:45 It is not our prerogative to control the working of the Holy Spirit. We cannot channel the Spirit – He is sovereign.

12:00 There is a reference in the sermon to a witness of a St. Paul's church member having given a testimony earlier in the service.

15:00 The growth of the early church was through the agency of the Holy Spirit in the lives of very ordinary people who were yielded to the call of God.

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20:00 No professional clergy, no books, no buildings, no church machinery, yet the world was transformed in a generation.

22:00 Rowboat – Sailboat contrast: pull in the oars and put up a sail. Catching the “wind” of the Spirit vs. trying to move within the limits of our own strength.

26:50 The difference between being born again and coming to the consciousness of being born again.

28:00 You cannot see the Spirit - only the effects of the Spirit. “The manifestations of the Spirit”.

29:20 When the body of Christ (Church) operates as an organization, rather than an organism (Jesus as the Head), then it is moving under the power of its’ own oars. Only movement under the guidance and power of the Spirit will produce enduring fruit. Human energy alone will not further the true kingdom of the Lord, only man’s kingdom.

31:20 The Peace that passes understanding is found in the purpose of God’s plan for you and nowhere else.

John 2:24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. 25 He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

John 3:4 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 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 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"