



Flowing with the Anointing
Anointing of the Holy Spirit Series Part-4
March 23, 2025 - Sermon Outline

Quick Review:

In Part-1 we introduced the sermon series on the Anointing of the Holy Spirit. We gave a brief definition of the Anointing.

In Part-2 we talked about how the anointing empowers each of us to do whatever God has assigned to do. The Holy Spirit empowers us supernaturally to carry out what God has given us to do.

In Part-3 we discussed how to recognize the anointing. We saw from Scripture that the anointing is tangible, perceptible or recognizable to our spiritual senses.

Today, in Part-4 we will learn about flowing with the anointing. Our goal is to learn to yield, flow and partner together with the anointing.

FLOWING WITH THE ANOINTING

It is as we flow with the anointing, that is, go with what the Holy Spirit is doing, that we see, experience and receive from what He is doing at any given moment.

How do we learn to flow and move with the Holy Spirit, under His anointing in our daily activities and when ministering? Here are some practical insights we can glean from Scripture.

#1, PREPARATION – FILL UP, STIR UP

We need to be ready, anytime, anyplace to recognize, respond, flow and move with the anointing, as He comes on us.



A) Fill up

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Notice the sequence. He invited us to come and drink. Then we will have rivers flowing out of us. You cannot have a flow out of your spirit, if you have not been filled up.

As believers, we go to Jesus and drink, symbolizing, receiving in through our times of fellowship with Him.

B) Stir up the gifts through prayer

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The anointing of God normally flows through the gifts He has placed in us. So, we need to stir ourselves up to exercise the gifts He has given to us.

Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to anoint you.



Pray in tongues.

#2, RECOGNIZE THE FLOW AND GO WITH IT

Last week, we shared that the anointing is tangible and ways we can recognize the anointing. Once we recognize His presence we must move with Him.

The work of the Holy Spirit is pictured in several ways: as wind, as water, etc.

John 3:8

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Flowing with the Spirit can be described as moving with the wind and the wave.

Recognize the direction of the wind and flow with the wind. We cannot always have all the answers, where the wind is coming from and where the wind is going. We recognize that the wind is blowing in a certain direction and just lean in and go in the direction of the wind.

Kite flying



We can use the analogy of kite flying or wave surfing to describe how we learn to respond to the anointing.

Flying a kite successfully involves understanding how wind, lift, and tension work together to keep it in the air. To get a kite airborne, the flyer holds it up



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and either walks or waits for a breeze to lift it. If the wind is strong enough, it naturally pushes against the kite's surface, generating lift. The flyer may pull the string and release it at intervals, helping the kite rise by increasing tension and adjusting the angle to the wind. Once the kite is up, it stays aloft due to four forces acting on it: (A) Lift – As the wind moves over and under the kite, it creates an upward force called lift, similar to how an airplane wing works. (B) Drag – The wind resistance on the kite pulls it backward, but the flyer manages this by controlling the string tension. (C) Gravity – The weight of the kite pulls it downward, but as long as the lift is greater than gravity, the kite stays up. (D) Tension in the String – The string helps stabilize the kite and directs it at the correct angle to catch the wind efficiently. To get the kite to rise higher the flyer can release more string, allowing it to move into stronger, steadier winds at higher altitudes. A steady breeze or gust of wind can provide an extra push upward. Adjusting the angle of the kite by how the string is held or pulled changes how the wind flows around it, increasing lift. As long as the wind remains steady and the flyer controls the kite properly, it can stay high in the sky despite gravity's pull. Without the wind, the kite descends back to the earth.

Wave surfing



Imagine a surfer in the ocean catching a wave. When a surfer catches a wave, it's a mix of timing, balance, and skill. The surfer starts by watching the ocean, identifying a promising wave before it breaks. He put himself in the right spot so that the wave picks up the back of the board and then the wave carries him forward. As the surfer does this over and over again and gains experience, he is able to quickly notice trends, when the current is starting to change, when the wave is coming in, when the wave will reach its breaking point. Through experience, the surfer knows how to position



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himself to catch the wave. Once he catches the wave, the wave takes him forward.

So, it is with flowing in the Spirit. Through spending time with God, we learn to recognize the anointing when He moves upon us. We then listen, understand what He is leading us to do, and then yield to His moving and let Him carry us forward.

Both as individuals and as a corporate gathering, we need to be sensitive to the "flow of the anointing" and go wherever the Spirit of God is leading. We must yield to the anointing. We must flow with the Spirit - in worship times, in our preaching of the Word, in our ministering to people.

We must develop sensitivity to the Spirit - sensitivity to the moving, stirring and flow of the Spirit.

It is as we flow with the anointing, that is, go with what the Holy Spirit is doing, that is when we see, experience and receive from what He is doing at any given moment.

#3, STAY YIELDED AND OPERATE UNDER THE ANOINTING

Staying yielded and operating under the anointing could require many different things from us. It is not always the same, and hence we must remain sensitive to His leadership as we recognize His anointing come upon us.

Let us consider some of the examples we see in Scripture.

A) Flowing with the anointing would sometimes require us to work as a team with others.



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Many of the **workers building the Tabernacle** were anointed but they all worked as a team under the anointing. We noted in Scripture from Exodus 31:1-5 that God had anointed certain people to do the work of designing and building what was required for the Tabernacle. But they had to work together as a team for several weeks to get the work done.

Remember Psalm 133 teaches us that unity is the place where the anointing, life and blessing flows.

B) Flowing under the anointing would require us to step out of our “comfort zone”, maybe step “out of our mind”.

David designed, though unqualified. King David could have talked himself out of even attempting to design the Temple. He could have made excuses that ‘I have no prior experience in this’, ‘I am not qualified’, etc. But when the Holy Spirit came upon him, he stayed under that anointing and drew up the plans for the Temple. This may have most likely taken several days, perhaps some weeks.

C) Flowing with the anointing would require us to do what seems illogical, and impossible.

Elijah ran faster than Ahab’s chariot. When Elijah recognized the hand of the Lord come upon him, he must have realized that the anointing is moving him to do something unusual – to run. And then he did something, he ran! Elijah could have thought that this was such a foolish thing to do. But he still ran. Elijah could have thought ‘how about just getting into the chariot and taking a ride back’. No! That was not what the hand of the Lord was leading him to do. This anointing was for running! He yielded. He ran! And he outran a chariot of horses!

D) Flowing with the anointing could look very normal and mundane and yet a powerful work of God is being released.



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Mary carried the Savior for nine months. We know that the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and overshadowed her. The baby was conceived in her supernaturally by the power of God. And yet, she had to go through the normal, natural process of nine months of pregnancy to deliver the baby. Sometimes, flowing under the anointing may not look very spectacular, and yet God is releasing a powerful work through what seems normal and natural.

E) Flowing with the anointing will require us to separate ourselves from what God is doing to ensure He alone gets the glory.

Peter pointed to Jesus as people came under his shadow. In Acts 5, we read about people being healed when they got under Peter's shadow. Imagine what must have happened. Peter knew God was using his shadow. Suddenly Peter became the center of attraction, because people wanted to get under his shadow. And yet, when people got healed, Peter had to point them to Jesus Christ!

#4, DO NOT QUENCH, GRIEVE, OR RESIST WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DOING

A) Do not quench the Holy Spirit. Yield to His prompting.

1 Thessalonians 5:19
Do not quench the Spirit.

When we recognize the anointing on us, we must yield to what He leads us to do. Don't suppress or extinguish the prompting of the Spirit.

B) Do not grieve the Spirit. Give glory to Jesus.

Ephesians 4:30
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



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The Holy Spirit always glorifies Jesus. One of the ways we grieve the Holy Spirit is when we try to deflect glory to ourselves instead of giving all the glory to the Lord.

C) Do not resist (fight against) the Holy Spirit.

Stay within His boundaries. Don't let zeal or foolishness or self-will cause you to go beyond.

Acts 7:51

You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

We resist the Holy Spirit, when we become self-willed and do what we want to do instead of what He directs.

#5, STAY IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT, EVEN AFTER THE ANOINTING LIFTS

The anointing comes upon us for a specific task. When the anointing "lifts" or becomes "dormant", we continue faithfully in our assignment.

We minister by faith in God's Word, even when we do not feel a special anointing.

SUMMARY

- #1, Preparation – fill up, stir up
- #2, Recognize the flow and go with it
- #3, Stay yielded and operate under the anointing
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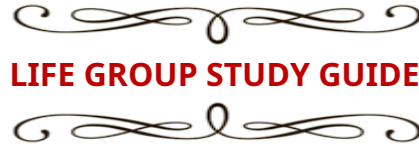
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SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *John 7:37-39; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; John 3:8*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together



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Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

In learning to flow with the anointing we shared the following insights. Review and discuss how we could practically engage in these:

#1, Preparation – fill up, stir up

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#5, Stay in your assignment, even after the anointing lifts

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.



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3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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SERMON OUTLINE

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