



**Cutting a New Path
Investing In The Wind**
(Build the Habit of Investing)

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Text: John 3:1-8

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.” (John 3:8; NKJV)

Big Question: Where will the Wind Lead You?

Introduction: This sermon came after a conversation with two cousins over a conference call. We talked about a number of things and then it moved into a testimony service about how we individually came to Christ. I quoted this verse from John in my testimony and discovered something that was amazing.

I. The Start of the Wind
(John 3:1-5)

3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**”

- A. The wind of the Spirit would bring a **new birth-like experience**
- B. The wind of the Spirit would have a **washing and birthing affect**

II. The Result of The Wind
(It changes your life direction)

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 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.”

- A. One cousin came to Christ in church at a young age
- B. One cousin came to Christ after being a Muslim for years
- C. One cousin (me) came after wondering into a prayer meeting as an unchurched teenager

**III. What We All Learned
From the Wind**

- A. God can blow into your life and touch you with the rising waters of his anointing
- B. God touched Nicodemus in a very private and sincere way. He was hungry for a solution.

Question: What wind is trying to blow in your life?



Conclusion:

**IV. When the Wind Blew on
Zacchaeus He Invested**
Luke 19:1–10

Note: The wind blew into the heart of a man named Zacchaeus and sparked a hunger to see Jesus. It was like a slow rising river in his heart. He was determined to see Jesus. His willingness to climb the tree proved he was fully invested. Would you run and climb just to see Him?

**V. Five Ways the Wind
Blew in His Life**

1. The Wind Blew on a Man Some Would Ignore (Who do you ignore?)

- 1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named **Zacchaeus** who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. (NKJV)

2. The Wind Made Zacchaeus Run to See Jesus

- 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So **he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him**, for He was going to pass that way.

3. The Wind on Zacchaeus Caught Jesus' Attention

- 5 And when Jesus came to the place, **He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."**

4. The Wind Protected Him While Others Complained (Zacchaeus Ran to See Jesus Again)

- 6 So **he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.** 7 But when they saw it, **they all complained**, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

5. The Wind Blew on Zacchaeus Before Jesus Came (God had already been touching him)

- 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, **I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.**" 9 And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house**, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Next Time: The Habit of Completing (Finishing)

Question: Are you good at completing your life assignment?

Read Ahead: 2 Timothy 4:7-8