

Empowered to Live in a New Dimension

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Sermon Synopsis

This episode of World Impact, recorded during the Empowered21 Asia Congress in Indonesia, features Dr. Billy Wilson delivering a message that captures the heart of a remarkable spiritual awakening spreading across Asia—a movement he identifies as part of the “third Pentecost.” Dr. Wilson places this contemporary outpouring of the Holy Spirit alongside the first Pentecost in Acts and the early 20th-century Azusa Street Revival, describing it as a new era of global renewal that is transforming Indonesia and influencing the spiritual landscape of the entire continent. Set against scenes of united worship, fervent prayer, and the unmistakable presence of God, the message calls believers everywhere to open their hearts to this ongoing work of the Spirit that is stirring hunger for God in unprecedented ways.

Grounded in Scripture, Dr. Wilson draws from 1 Samuel 10:6–7 to illustrate how God’s Spirit changes lives, using the story of Saul’s transformation into a new man as a model for living in a new spiritual dimension. He outlines three key steps for entering this Spirit-empowered life: first, to bury the past, symbolized by God’s burial of Moses and the call to let go of what no longer defines us; second, to surrender the present, living as a daily offering to God despite the struggle of the flesh; and third, to accelerate into the future, embracing the rapid changes of the modern world as opportunities for the Spirit’s power to advance the gospel.

The episode also highlights tangible expressions of revival across Asia—where over one hundred denominations have joined together in prayer and unity, churches are growing, and movements of continuous worship are forming. Leaders such as Pastor Niko Njotorahardjo and Djohan Handojo share testimonies of how united prayer and intercession are fueling this extraordinary move of God. Dr. Wilson emphasizes that this spiritual acceleration mirrors the fast pace of change in the world, but with divine purpose and empowerment.

Throughout the message, Dr. Wilson issues a clear call for believers to step boldly into this new era of Spirit-filled living. He urges the Church to move from being mere receivers of miracles to becoming instruments through which God works miracles; from being healed to becoming healers; from being saved to becoming those who lead others to salvation. The message concludes with a challenge to surrender fully to Jesus, step into the fire of the Holy Spirit, and participate in this historic outpouring that promises to reshape the global Church for generations to come.

Sermon Highlights

- God is pouring out His Spirit in the 21st century with an unprecedented revival, described as the Third Pentecost, surpassing previous outpourings at Acts 2 and the Azusa Street Revival.
- To experience a new dimension with God, believers must first bury their past—giving all their troubles, sins, and even successes to God so they can move forward into their future in Christ.
- Complete surrender to God is essential; believers must present themselves as living sacrifices, staying on the altar despite spiritual attacks, to receive the fire of the Holy Spirit for powerful ministry.
- We live in a time of rapid acceleration, and God is calling the church to rise supernaturally—moving from being recipients of miracles to workers of miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Unity and persistent prayer are foundational for revival; just like in the Upper Room and the restoration of the Tabernacle of David, believers must come together in one accord to seek God's presence and power.

Scripture Verses

1 Samuel 10:6-7

The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Quotes

- "The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them, and you will be changed into a different person." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "When God buries your past, it is buried, leave it there and go on into your future in Jesus's name." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "Surrender the present completely, because what God wants to do in the 21st century will be hard on your flesh, but stay on the altar, because that's where the fire is going to fall." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "We need a new spiritual acceleration by the power of the Holy Spirit to reach the earth for Jesus Christ." - Dr. Billy Wilson
- "If you'll let God bury the past, your greatest days are in front of you. Some of you have had deep trouble and struggles with sin, but God is going to give you a new beginning." - Dr. Billy Wilson

Bible Study

Objectives

- To understand how God empowers believers to live in a new spiritual dimension.
- To learn the importance of surrendering the past and the present for spiritual acceleration.
- To grasp the role of the Holy Spirit in revival and personal transformation.
- To apply biblical principles of sacrifice and faithfulness to daily life and ministry.

Reading and Reflections

- 1 Samuel 10:6-7 - The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, transforming Saul into a new person and empowering his calling.
- Deuteronomy 34:5-6 - Moses' death and burial by God, symbolizing the burial of the past before moving forward.
- Romans 12:1 - Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, as true worship.
- Acts 2 - The first Pentecost marked by extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit leading to revival and widespread gospel impact.

Key Observations

- Transformation is initiated by the Holy Spirit, often requiring us to leave our past behind.
- God calls us into a new dimension, a spiritual future that demands trust and complete surrender.
- Living sacrifice means ongoing surrender, even when the flesh resists.
- Spiritual acceleration is necessary for effectively ministering in our fast-changing world.
- Revival is fueled by unity in prayer, intimacy with God, and spiritual warfare preparedness.

Personal Reflections

- Reflect on what parts of your past need to be buried so that you can fully embrace what God is doing now.
- Consider your level of surrender — are you a living sacrifice completely yielded to God's will?
- Ask yourself if you are willing to endure spiritual challenges and attacks in order to experience God's power.
- How are you participating in spiritual unity and prayer in your local church or community?
- Do you sense hunger for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and community?

Lessons for Daily Life

- Let go of past mistakes, failures, and regrets by giving them fully to God and trusting His grace.
- Live each day fully surrendered to God's leading, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable.
- Pursue intimacy with God through constant prayer, worship, and waiting on His presence.
- Join with others in united prayer to strengthen the spiritual atmosphere and prepare for revival.
- Be ready to take supernatural steps of faith and expect God's acceleration in your life.

Practical Applications

- Set aside time each day for focused prayer, asking God to help you bury your past and live fully surrendered.
- Create or join a prayer group focused on worship, intercession, and seeking the Holy Spirit's empowerment.
- Identify areas where your flesh resists surrender and intentionally submit those to God.
- Engage in spiritual disciplines to deepen your intimacy with God, such as fasting or meditation on Scripture.
- Step out in faith with new ministries or evangelistic efforts, expecting God to accelerate your impact.

Challenges for the Week

- Write down anything from your past that still holds you back and pray a prayer of surrender to God, asking Him to bury it.
- Commit to being a living sacrifice by fully surrendering a specific area of your life (time, relationships, ambitions) to God.
- Participate in a corporate prayer meeting or start one to unite with other believers in spiritual warfare and revival prayer.
- Practice waiting on God daily to cultivate greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's direction.
- Share your testimony or faith story with someone to encourage them toward revival and surrender.

Further Study

- Study the life of Saul (1 Samuel 9-10) and how the Holy Spirit transformed him.
- Explore the concept of living sacrifices in Romans 12:1-2 and its relevance today.
- Read about the first Pentecost in Acts 2 to understand the power of Holy Spirit outpouring.
- Research the history and impact of the Azusa Street Revival for insights into renewal movements.

- Look into the Tabernacle of David and its significance in modern worship and prayer movements.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your mighty Spirit that transforms us and empowers us to walk in new dimensions of faith and purpose. Lord, help us to bury our past, surrender our present without reservation, and run into the future You have prepared with holy boldness and expectancy. Ignite in us a hunger for Your presence and empower us to be living sacrifices for Your glory. Unite us in prayer and fill us afresh with the fire of revival so that we may impact our families, communities, and nations. In Jesus' powerful and redeeming name, Amen.

Daily Devotionals

Day 1

Scripture Verse

1 Samuel 10:6-7 (NIV): "The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you."

Reflection

Imagine Saul, a humble servant, tending his father's donkeys, unaware that his life was about to be dramatically transformed by the Spirit of the Lord. This transition from the ordinary to the extraordinary marks a new dimension, a divine appointment to God's calling. Brothers and sisters, this is the very truth spoken to us today: the Holy Spirit empowers us to step beyond our past limitations and into a future redefined by God's glory. But the first step in entering this new dimension is to bury your past.

Consider Moses, a man used mightily of God who was buried by God Himself in an unmarked grave. The purpose? To leave behind the past completely so that the people of Israel—and you and I—may move forward without the weight of yesterday's failures, regrets, or even pride. How often do we find ourselves trapped by memories of mistakes or the ache of past hurts? God's call for you today is to relinquish all that to Him, just as Moses accepted that he would not enter the Promised Land but saw it from a distance. What God buried, no one can find.

Beloved, when God buries your past, it is buried forever. No finger of accusation can find you there! When you let go, you enable God to fill you anew with His Spirit, ready for transformation. Reflect on a time you struggled to let go —perhaps a personal failure or an unforgiven offense. Picture yourself standing at the banks of your own 'Jordan River,' ready to cross into the fullness God has prepared for you. The past may call you back, but the Spirit bids you forward. Let this truth settle deeply: To walk in the new dimension, you must bury your past in the safe hands of your Father. It is the key to becoming the new person God desires you to be.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I surrender my past into Your hands. Bury every burden, every shame, and every victory that keeps me looking backward. Help me step boldly into the new dimension You have prepared for me, empowered by Your Holy Spirit. Transform me, Lord, into the person You created me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 2

Scripture Verse

Romans 12:1 (NIV): "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

Reflection

The call to be a living sacrifice is both beautiful and challenging. Unlike an animal sacrifice that was "one and done", a living sacrifice means you—fully alive—are on the altar every moment. Yet your flesh rebels. It wants to jump down, to take control, to run its own course. I remember a dear friend who committed herself to full-time ministry. The battles she faced were fierce, not only from outside but within her own desires and the flesh. She often felt the urge to quit, to escape the pressure, and to live by her own terms. But she stayed on the altar, learning that true power and breakthrough flow from surrender and perseverance. Living sacrifice means that surrender is ongoing.

Each day, you say, "Lord, I surrender this part of me—my plans, my comfort, my body, my ambitions—into Your hands." It's uncomfortable because our flesh fights the Spirit, but it's necessary. The fire of God falls where the sacrifice remains; it is in this surrender that revival ignites. Consider this present moment—are you fully surrendered, or are you clinging to some part of yourself?

The Holy Spirit invites you to lay it all down, knowing that in surrender there is life infinitely richer than anything the flesh can offer. As you surrender, the Spirit empowers you to live in the higher dimension God is calling you into. Expect attacks, trials, and challenges, but rejoice because these confirm you are on the altar where God can baptize you with His glory.

Prayer

Precious Holy Spirit, I come before You as a living sacrifice today. Help me to surrender fully and to remain on the altar despite the pull of my flesh. Strengthen me to endure trials and keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. Fill me afresh with Your fire and power to live for Your glory. Amen.

Day 3

Scripture Verse

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV): "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Reflection

We live in an age of incredible acceleration—technology zooms ahead, knowledge doubles, and society shifts faster than ever before. This rapid speeding can feel overwhelming, but beloved, God's Spirit invites us not only to keep up but to soar. Think of an escalator or elevator in a busy mall. Some choose to climb the stairs step by step—grueling but steady. Some ride the escalator—easier but still with effort. But God's Holy Spirit is the elevator that can lift you higher, faster, and beyond your natural ability. In the same way, Saul's journey from donkey keeper to king was supernatural acceleration.

You too are called from the ordinary to the extraordinary. Whether you feel stuck in your personal life, faith, or ministry, hear the Spirit whisper: "Get on My elevator." Let the Holy Spirit propel you past delays, fears, and limitations. I remember a young evangelist overwhelmed by the tasks before him. As he surrendered to the Spirit, he witnessed doors opening in ways he never imagined—church plants grew, lives were changed, and his vision expanded beyond borders. God accelerated his journey because he trusted the Spirit's power.

Are you ready to accelerate your walk with God? To move from humble beginnings to the place of impact you've been called to? The fire of the Holy Spirit is ready to lift you, empower you, and send you in supernatural speed. This new dimension is waiting for you to enter by faith, hope, and full surrender!

Prayer

Lord God Almighty, I choose to step into Your supernatural acceleration. Lift me on Your wings, empower my steps, and renew my strength. May Your Holy Spirit propel me into the destiny You have prepared for me. I declare I will soar and not grow weary in Jesus' name. Amen.

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