

THE WINDS OF GOD: PART 1

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You know you're in an Aussie summer when the temperature exceeds the high 30s, the air is hard to breathe due to the humidity, and the asphalt on the road is melting. Hot summer days, where even a backyard sprinkler & icepole iceblock, and the air conditioning pushing its limits aren't enough. On these days, your only hope is something called "the southerly change". A southerly change is a cool change that comes up from the south, bringing a drop in temperature from a cool wind and often refreshing rain. It's not unusual to see temperatures drop 20 degrees in a matter of minutes.

This is a great example of what it is sometimes like in our lives spiritually. We feel the heat, oppression and weariness, but God has something in store for us: A refreshing wind from heaven.

READ: ACTS 3:19 & EZEKIEL 37:9

When God breathes upon us, times of refreshing come. Just as a southerly change, brings a sense of relief, so the winds of God in our lives bring relief to us. The Bible talks about the breath of God. The Hebrew word is Ruach. The winds of God come upon us for different purposes. Our response is to simply say yes to his breath upon us.

Let's look at some types of the winds of God:

1. The winds of His presence. This is the wind of God that overwhelms us.

READ: JOHN 20:21-22

2. The winds of change. Often the winds of God represent the winds of change. When the Holy Spirit breathes upon us, he is constantly preparing us for a new season.

READ: JOHN 3:8, ROMANS 8:14, GALATIANS 5:25

Question: What does the wind of God's presence mean to you?
Questions: How do we become led by the Spirit well?

Prayer together: Ask the Lord to send his refreshing wind upon you, our church, and our city. Ask for Him to breathe upon us a fresh!