

A wooden park bench is covered in fallen autumn leaves, with many more leaves blowing around it in the wind. The leaves are a mix of yellow, orange, and red. The bench is dark wood and is positioned in a park setting with trees in the background.

Let **Wind** Blow
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“intimate terms
with the wind”



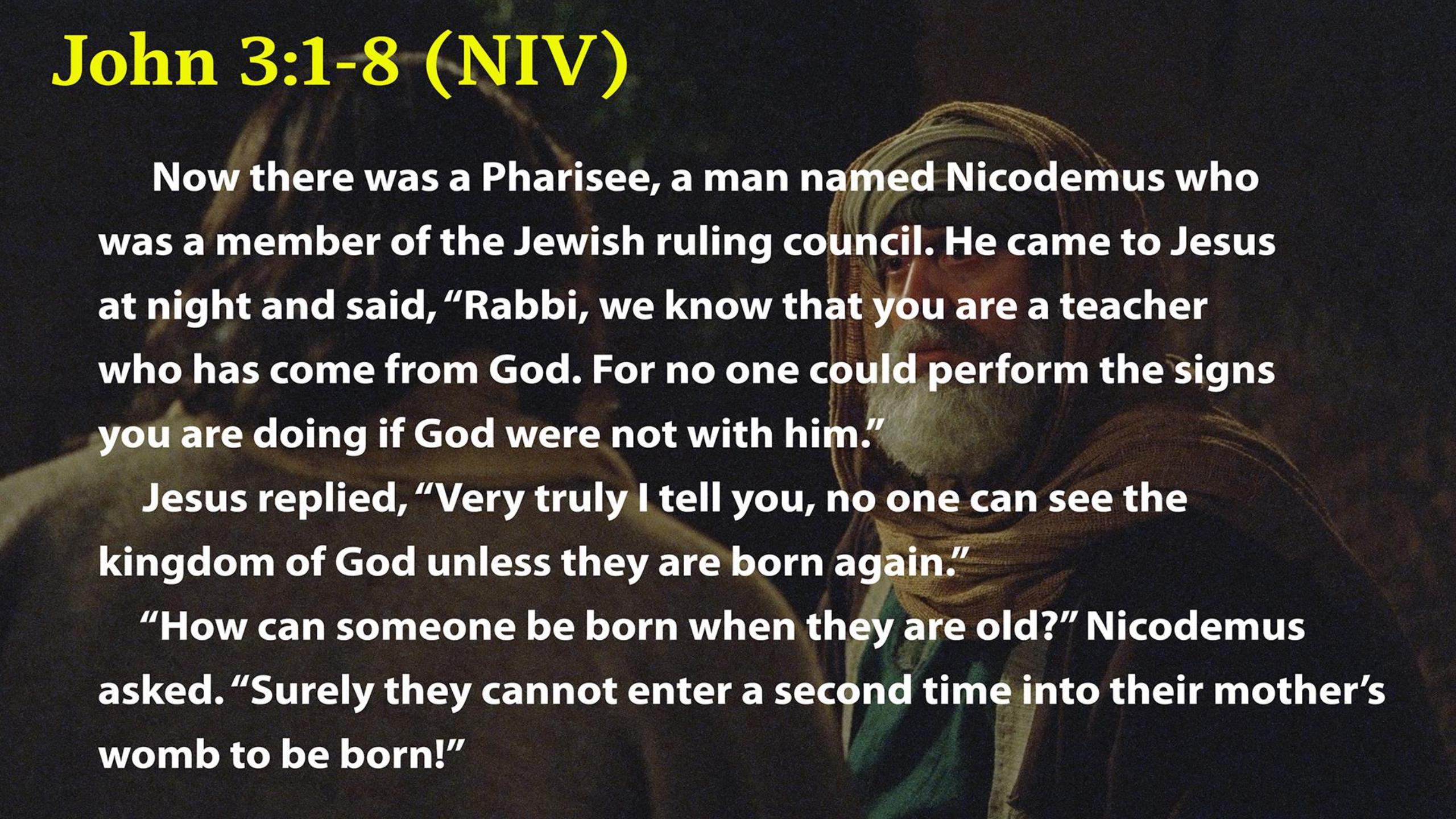
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We Need the Wind!



John 3:1-8 (NIV)

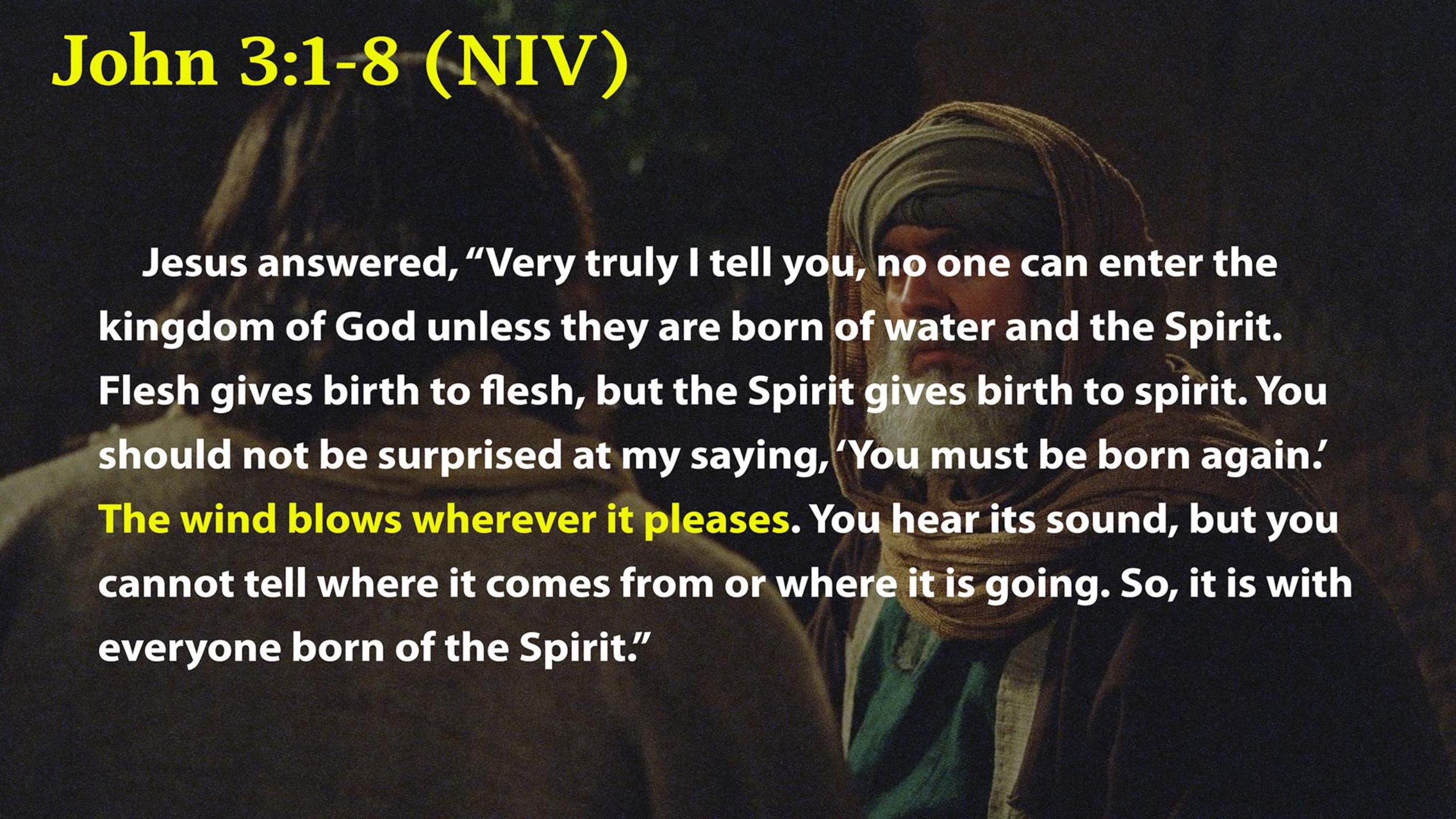


Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

John 3:1-8 (NIV)



Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ **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.”



A large, detailed tree with a trunk and branches extending across the frame. The leaves are in various stages of falling, creating a sense of motion. The background is a vibrant, multi-layered gradient of purple, red, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall composition is a wide, horizontal banner.

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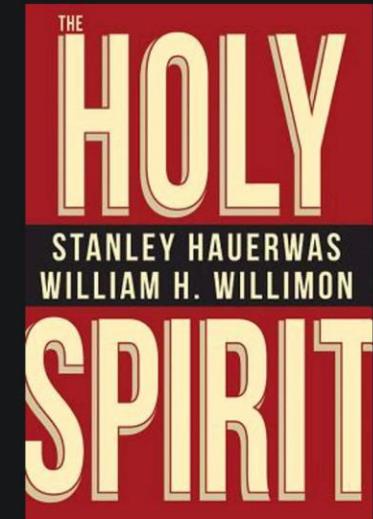
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**“Christians are nothing without the Holy Spirit...
The church lives not by savvy, worldly wisdom, and
techniques for church growth but rather lives
moment by moment, in every time and place, utterly
dependent upon the gifts of the Spirit. Thus, the
Holy Spirit is nothing less than a life-and-death
matter for the people of God.”**

*William Willimon & Stanley Hauerwas,
“The Holy Spirit,” p. IX*



MY PRAYER FOR THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Holy Spirit,
blow **within** us!



Make us spiritually
alive in Christ!

MY PRAYER FOR THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Holy Spirit, blow **upon** us!

**Relationally connect
us to one another!**

MY PRAYER FOR THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Holy Spirit, blow **through** us!



**Send us out to missionally
engage the world.**



Higher!

Chapter 1



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