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SERMON TITLE

WHEN HE DISTRIBUTES

SERIES

MOVE WITH THE WIND

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KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12

SYNOPSIS

What if your part in this church isn't your effort at all—but the wind God put in your sail?

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

The same Spirit who sent the church last week is the One who equips it this week. He doesn't send you empty-handed—He hands you a gift, on purpose, and aims it at the people around you. Your job isn't to manufacture the wind. It's to raise the sail.

One wind. Many sails. One ship.

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Notes:

ONE WIND

Different gifts, different service, different working—but one Spirit behind all of it. You didn't pick your gift off a shelf or earn it on a practice field. The Spirit distributed it, just as He determined. That takes the pressure off and puts the glory where it belongs.

Your gift isn't your effort—it's the wind in your sail.

"All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines." (1 Corinthians 12:11)

Notes:

MANY SAILS

The wind doesn't hit one sail—it hits *each one*. There's no benchwarmer in the body of Christ; if you belong to Christ, the wind has hit your sail. And it's given for the common good, aimed outward, not at you. So the question was never which gift is mine.

The question isn't which gift is mine. It's who is my gift for.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

Notes:



ONE SHIP

Paul changes the picture—from a ship to a body. The foot doesn't get to quit because it's not a hand; the eye doesn't get to dismiss the hand. And the parts that seem weakest turn out to be the ones you can't do without. The body moves when every part does its work.

No one on this ship is spare.

"On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." (1 Corinthians 12:22)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

You don't have to want the job, and you don't have to feel gifted enough. The wind doesn't need you to feel it—it needs you to raise the sail. The same Spirit who filled the upper room didn't stay in it; He gave Himself away through ordinary people and reached a whole city. He's still doing it. The very thing you'd trade away might be the exact thing someone else needs.

He gave Himself away—and He's still giving Himself away, through you.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

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