

## More Than a Feeling

As I began studying and praying about what to share in regard to the direction Pastor Shane has been leading us in our study of the Holy Spirit, I remembered a song. I am sure that some of you will remember it since it was a popular song during the 1970s. It was released by a group by the name of Boston.

It was such a peculiar thing, because usually when studying I try to derive my message solely from the Word of God, but the title of this song kept popping up in my mind. I kept trying to understand what the Lord was trying to speak to me until I finally went and looked at the lyrics. It's called more than a feeling, and it goes as follows: "It's more than a feeling when I hear that old song they used to play. I begin dreaming 'til I see Marianne walk away."

The Holy Spirit is more than a feeling. As pastor Shane has taught so well about the person, purpose, and power, we have learned that the Holy Spirit is so much more than a feeling, but somewhere along the line we let existential experience that can take place in association with the Holy Spirit overshadow the actuality of what and who the Holy Spirit is. And just as the lyrics stated we begin to hear the old songs that they used to play, and we begin dreaming. We think of the old preaching style and delivery and begin dreaming. We think about the way everyone came dressed to the nines and begin dreaming. We think of the choir robes and hymnal books and begin dreaming. But while we are dreaming Marianne is walking away. Now I don't know who Marianne is, but I do know there is a whole generation of the church that's begun to walk away. They don't care for reminiscing. They want to encounter real power, they want to know a real person, they want to have a real purpose, but we are so satisfied with our daydreams. But it's more than a feeling.

- **The Person**

- As pastor has pointed out, the Holy Spirit is a person. He is a part of the Godhead. We believe that there is three persons within the Godhead.
- A great example of the God in three different locations accomplishing three different tasks at the same time is found in the gospel of Mark chapter 1 with the baptism of Jesus. Verses. 10 and 11 say. That Jesus came out of the water and immediately the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and there was a voice from the heavens saying “you. Are my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.”
  - We have Jesus being cleansed for the initiation of his priestly ministry, as pastor Shane explained last Wednesday, the Holy Spirit empowering Him for the beginning of His ministry, and a confirmation from the Father for his son. Three different dimensions, three different tasks, one God with one goal in mind.

- **The Purpose**

- **Acts 1:8**
- To be a witness of the testimony of Jesus in your life.

- **The Power**

- The power is the fuel for the purpose.
- Redefine revival
  - **Romans 12:1**
  - **Galatians 2:20**
  - **Romans 8:11**
- Your life surrender is just fuel and power for the fire of your purpose.
- Analogy of a fire of matches and a real fire

- Presentation

- 1 Corinthians 2:4

- Romans 15:18

- Conclusion

- 1 Corinthians 4:20