



# PARK STREET

## BRETHREN CHURCH

**March 28, 2021**

**The Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26)**





# The Message of Faith

The third person of the triune God is the Holy Spirit. He was active in creation, the history of Israel, the inspiration of Scripture, the ministry of Jesus, and the birth of the church.



The Spirit likewise acts today,  
opening the mind to understand  
Scripture, calling forth the response  
of repentance and faith, and giving  
the desire and ability to grow in  
Christ likeness.



The New Testament portrays His activity as both event and process: It describes the event using the terms receiving, being filled, sealed, and baptized to indicate that the Holy Spirit comes to the believer at conversion.

It describes the process as the Holy Spirit filling and equipping Christians at numerous times for special tasks. He joins them to Christ's church, directs them to a local congregation of believers, and bestows on them spiritual gifts for the church's ministry.



The Spirit's indwelling is to make a visible difference in the lives of Christians as they yield to, and cooperate with, His transforming power.

**A Centennial Statement,**  
*The Brethren Church, 1984*





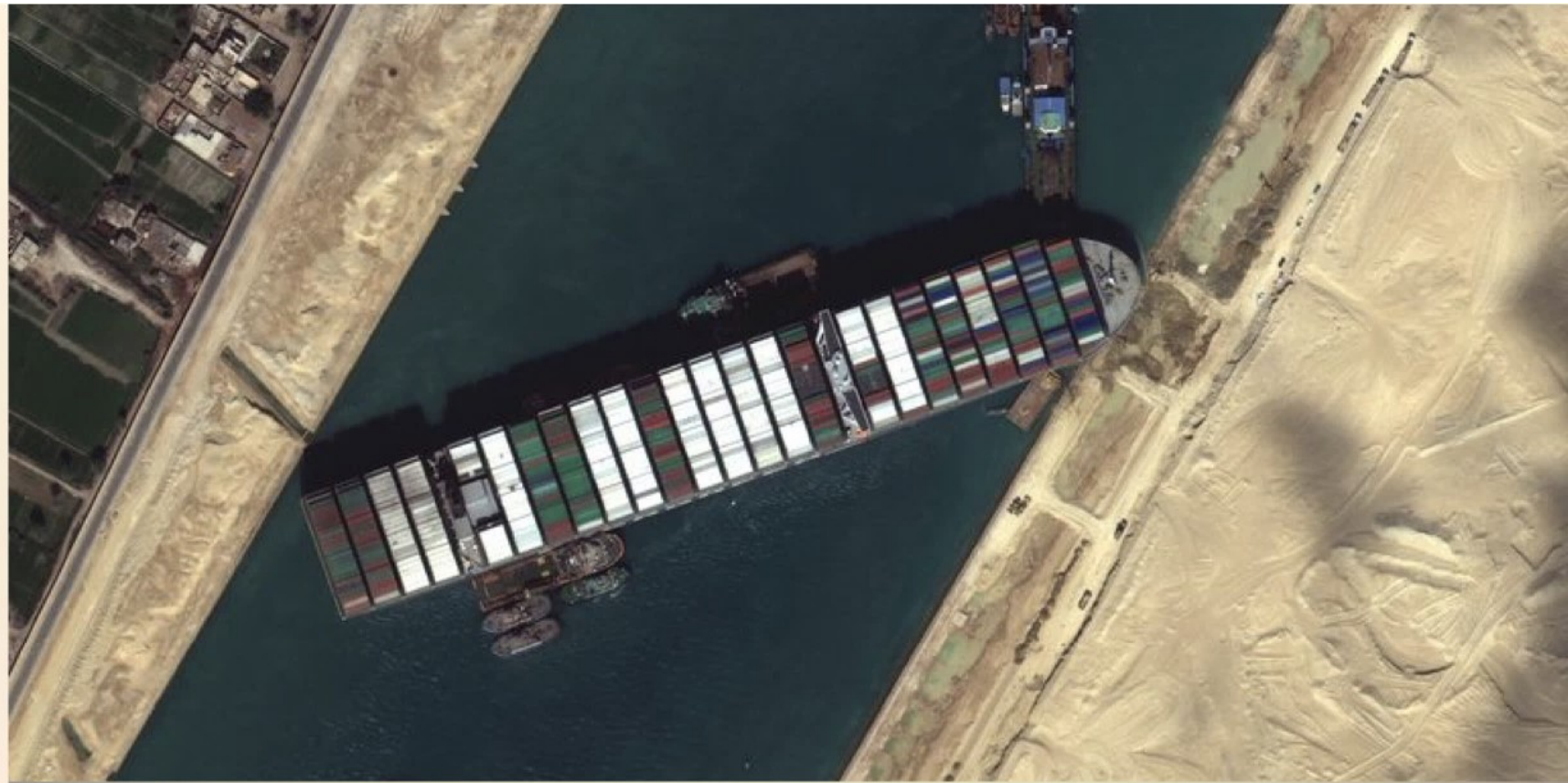
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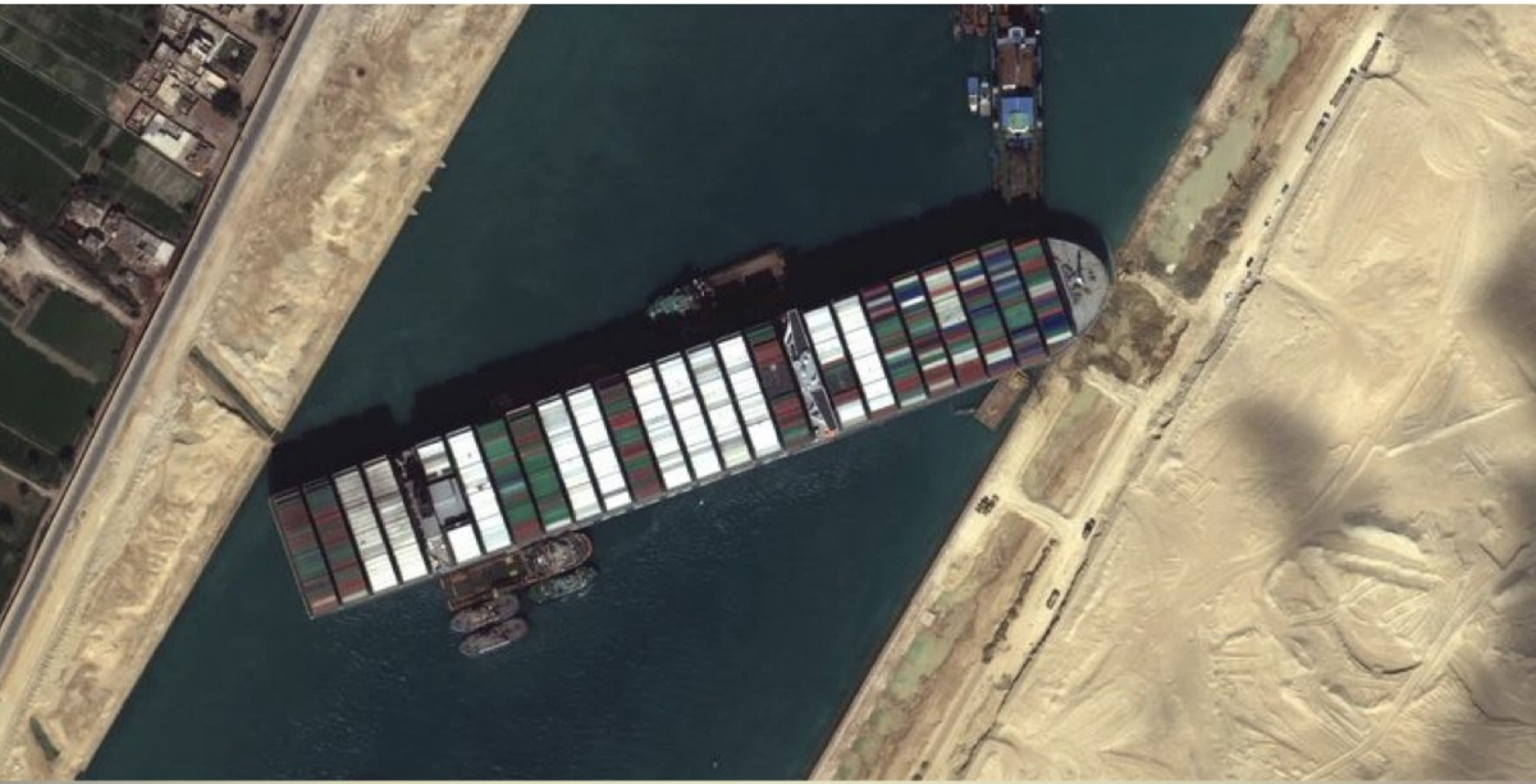
Since Tuesday, March 23 a 200,000-ton cargo ship has been wedged sideways in the Suez Canal.

An estimated 12% of global trade goes through the Suez Canal annually... around 50 ships a day use it, carrying an estimated \$3b-\$9b worth of cargo.

The blockage of the Canal costs and estimated \$400 million an hour.











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*The Holy Spirit births new things — God brings renewal, refreshing, and restoration through the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**All Creation**



# Genesis 1:2

<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**Israel's Heart**



# Psalm 50:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**Christ's Conception**



# Luke 1:34-35

<sup>34</sup> “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**Christ's Baptism**



# Matthew 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



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births new things:*  
***Christ's Farewell***



# John 16:7-15

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:



# John 16:7-15

<sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

# John 16:7-15

<sup>12</sup> “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.



# John 16:7-15

<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**Christ's Resurrection**





# Romans 8:11-13

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

# Romans 8:11-13

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*  
**Christ's Ascension**



# Acts 1:4-8

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



# Acts 1:4-8

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

# Acts 1:4-8

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



*The Holy Spirit  
births new things:*

***The Church***



## **Acts 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.



## **Acts 2:1-4**

<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.





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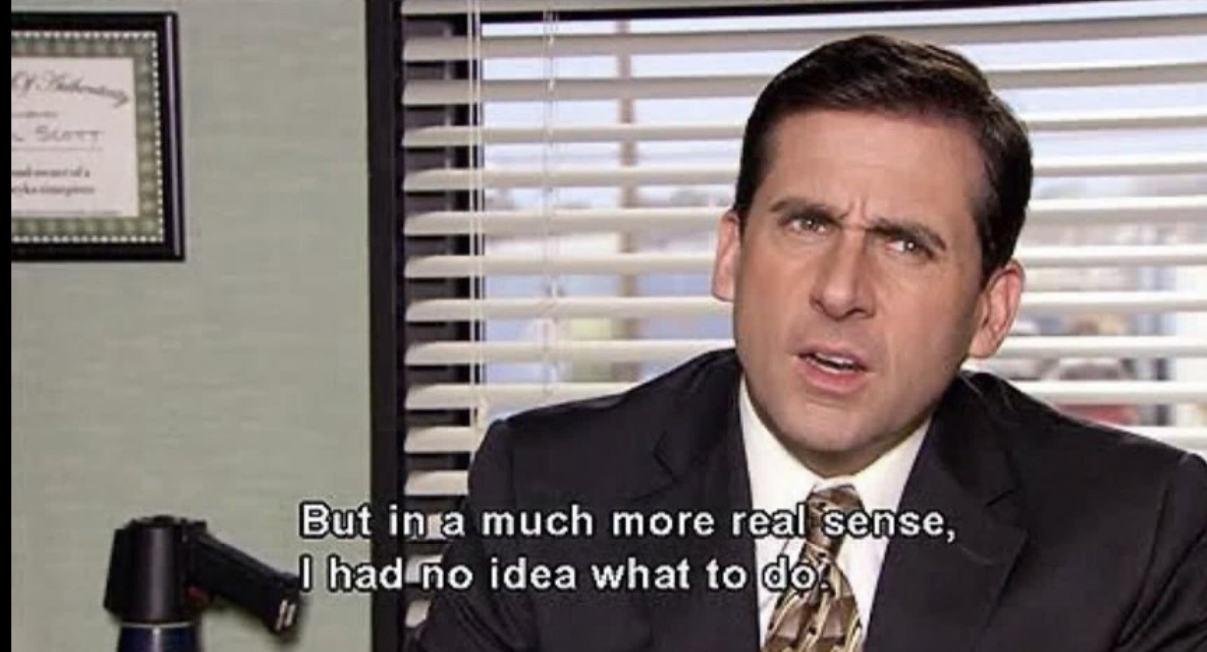
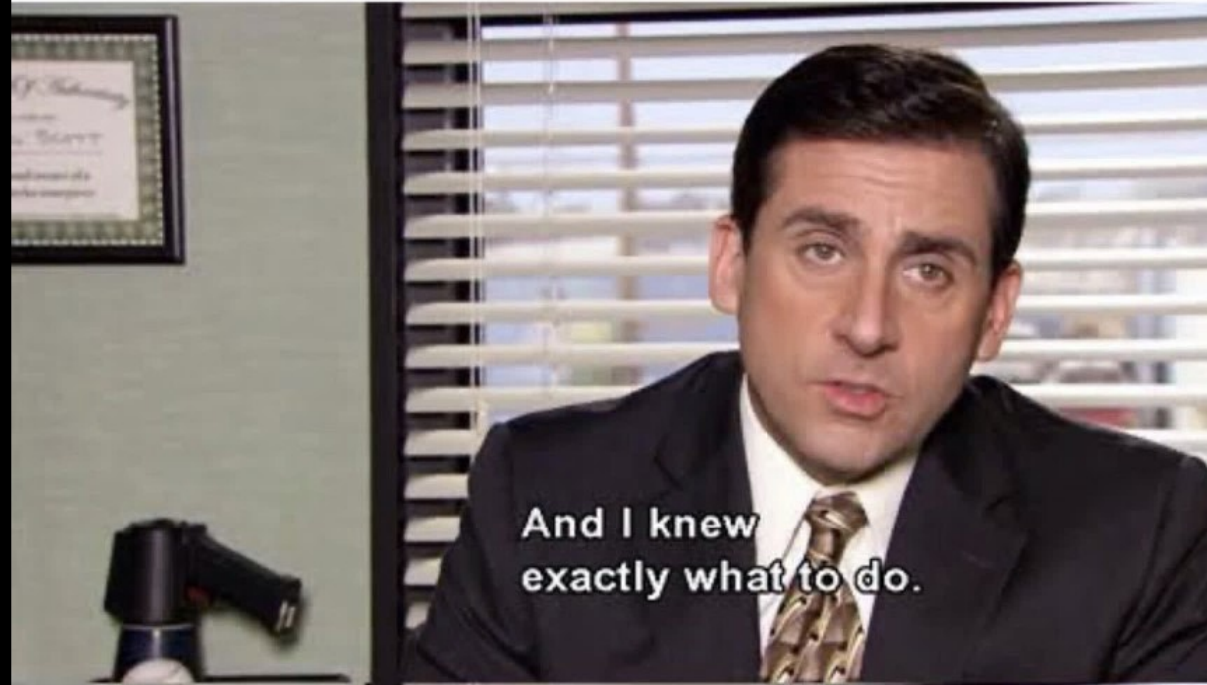
*The new thing that the  
Holy Spirit is birthing  
often doesn't look like  
we think it will.*



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Nate attempting to pastor during Covid...



# Romans 8:26

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.





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