

A graphic featuring the word "Stirred" in a white, cursive script font. The text is set against a background of thick, expressive brushstrokes in various shades of brown and tan, creating a textured, painterly effect. The background of the entire page is a solid, muted brown color.

# Stirred

## Stirred: Stirred, Not Shaken

*May 1st & 2nd*

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Haggai 1:1

### Series Overview

“The Holy Spirit is not static. The Spirit is working in us and through us on a daily basis. How? Stirring us at the very core of our being. Sometimes the stirring is a small nudge or a gentle prompting, but even the still small voice of the Spirit can awaken and animate a powerful zeal within us. It always begins with a stirring. We are stirred, not shaken!”

### Series Discussion Questions

What is the Holy Spirit stirring in you?

### Message Overview

We find ourselves in a Hebrews 12:27 moment—everything that can be shaken will be shaken. God is shaking false securities and false identities, false assumptions and false narratives, false idols and false ideologies. But we are STIRRED, not shaken. Why? We are grounded in God’s word, standing on God’s promises, and filled with God’s spirit. We don’t take our cues from cultural talking points. We don’t put our trust in horses and chariots. STIRRED is rising above the rhetoric and living according to your convictions. STIRRED is giving the Holy Spirit veto power. STIRRED is operating in the power of the Holy spirit while obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

### Message-Specific Discussion Questions

How do you **perceive the Holy Spirit?**

Read [Deuteronomy 32:10-12](#). The imagery of an eagle stirring up the nest to teach its young how to fly is used to describe God’s intentionality with the people of Israel in the wilderness. **How has God allowed inconveniences in your life to push you forward?**

Take some time to discuss what stirs you up. Use these questions as a guide:

- **What makes you cry or pound your fist on the table?**
- **What makes you mad, sad, and glad?**
- **What puts a smile on your face?**

Sometimes the Holy Spirit stirs us with emotions and God-ordained passions. These emotions have the ability to become a compass to where God is leading you. **Where do you feel like the Holy Spirit has been leading you through your emotions & passions?**

Pastor Mark shared three points about God-given vision:

1. Vision is *a reflection of theology*,
2. When God gives a vision, *He makes provision*,
3. You need *vision beyond your resources*.

Using these three guides above, **what vision God has given you for this season?**

Pastor Mark stated: *“You have got to be obedient to the level of revelation you have been given.”* What revelation has God given you? **What actions do you need to take to fulfill this God-given revelation?**

## Practical Application

- **Take some time this week to pray for someone that the Holy Spirit places on your heart.** Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayer for them. It could be a listening prayer, a prayer of encouraging words, and/or a prayer of comfort.
- Throughout this series, we are being reminded that the Spirit is working in us and through us on a daily basis. NCC Daily’s audio podcast will return on Monday, May 3 as we learn *lectio divina*, or divine reading, of Scripture. Each day we’ll be guided through the practice of listening, reflecting, responding, and resting in the Word of God — allowing space for the still, small voice of the Spirit to stir us in unique and personal ways. **Subscribe [here!](#)**
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