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John 14:16-17 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*”

Ephesians 5:18 *Do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.*

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Being filled: To be controlled by the Spirit (not the flesh). It’s a process of giving Him control of our lives and submitting our will to His.

Hebrews 12:1-2 *...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- **We need to _____ our sails from sin.**

“...Lay aside every weight, and sin which so easily entangle us”

Psalms 32:1-5 *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

- **We need to _____ raise our sails.**

“Run with endurance”

“The joy set before him”

- **We need to orient the sails to _____.**

“Seated at the right hand of God.”

Acts 1:8 *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses...*

John 13:34-25 *“Love one another even as I have loved you...By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you—to take control of your life today and lead you to love like Jesus!

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