50 DAYS OF PRAYER EASTER TO PENTECOST

UNTIL THE SPRIT CONES

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INTRODUCTION



The disciples spent time with Jesus; they heard His words, saw His miracles and were present at His betrayal. When Jesus was flogged and crucified most deserted Him. They could not have imagined what was to take place. When Jesus rose again He appeared to a frightened, confused and withdrawn group of people - His disciples. In a very short space of time this same group of followers would become fearless proclaimers of the previous events. What happened to change them?

Jesus said these followers would need more than personal experience and their own eye witness to become witnesses for Him. The more that they needed was the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They would receive, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the ability to be a witness of and for Jesus.

After the resurrection Jesus told His disciples that they needed to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost that is exactly what happened – they received what Jesus promised – power to witness.

This promise of being empowered with the Holy Spirit is a reality today too. As you take time, 5 -15 minutes each day to read, reflect, write and pray through the following scriptures and comments, you are positioning yourselves to receive all that the Holy Spirit has for you.

This reading and prayer plan runs through the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles (the two volumes of one work by the same author, the doctor Luke). Each verse focuses on the Holy Spirit, it gives you a short passage and devotional thought and a quote from a well know historical Christian figure.

To get the most out of this plan try to find a place every day for the next 50 days where you can be relaxed and uninterrupted. Give yourself a couple minutes to become still. Once you are still, ask the Holy Spirit to bring the word alive. Once you have reflected on the passage, comments and quote take time to write in the journal. Having reflected and having written your thoughts now pray about what you have written.

During the 50 days I will be praying for you and once the 50 days have finished we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. This will be a day in which we will be praying specifically for you to be filled or re-filled with the Holy Spirit. Each day you will notice my prayer for you. I will be praying this specific prayer and others for you on each day and my prayer is that through this process you will experience a deeper walk with the Holy Spirit and become a far more effective and powerful witness for Jesus.

DAY ONE: REPENTANCE

"O HOLY SPIRIT, DESCEND PLENTIFULLY INTO MY HEART. ENLIGHTEN THE DARK CORNERS OF THIS NEGLECTED Dwelling and scatter there thy cheerful beams."

- ST AUGUSTINE -

LUKE 3:8-16

And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And

Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.

he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorised to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Most of us find it helpful to know what the minimum requirements are when we enquire to enrol in a course or to be accepted into a new role, position or job. We know that unless we meet these requirements we will not be accepted. When people approached John the Baptist they wanted to know what were the minimum requirements for acceptance as a child of Abraham, a child of faith. It was simple - real repentance; repentance that was evidenced by a changed life. The repentance required was in a very practical and observable area - it affected the day to day life of each person. John didn't say they had to change their job and become a religious leader, but he did require them to change how they lived out their current life.

For us to receive the promise of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we need to

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begin by having a good look at our lives and repenting from ways of living that are inconsistent with being a follower of Jesus.

Consider, repent and pray. Jesus, forgive me in this area of ______. In my day to day I have not been living as I ought. I repent and turn to you. Let me live a repentant life so I may be prepared to receive the filling of the Holy Spirit.

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, I PRAY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH WOULD SEEK YOU AND THAT YOU WOULD SHOW THEM THE AREAS OF LIFE WHICH THEY NEED To turn over to you. Show them how wonderful it is to repent and turn afresh to you. As they pray and realign their lives, prepare them for an incredible new stage of life in the spirit.

DAY TWO: **ACCEPTANCE - SONSHIP**

"HOW LITTLE CHANCE THE HOLY GHOST HAS NOWADAYS. THE CHURCHES AND MISSIONARY SOCIETIES HAVE SO BOUND HIM IN RED TAPE THAT THEY PRACTI-CALLY ASK HIM TO SIT IN A CORNER WHILE THEY DO THE WORK THEMSELVES."

- C.T. STUDD -

LUKE 3:21-22

well pleased."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the

ROMANS 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into

fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Luke 3:21-22 >> The Holy Spirit not only confirms Jesus' Sonship but ours as well.

Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a

voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am

Romans 8:15-17 >> The confidence that comes when the Holy Spirit bears witness within us that we are children of God, is a very precious gift.

The greatest cure for insecurity is knowing that you are a child of God and special to Him. If your confidence is weak, seek the Holy Spirit. If you are feeling insecure, seek the Holy Spirit.

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MY PRAYER: AS YOU SEEK THE HOLY SPIRIT L ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU THE BLESSING OF HEARING HIS VOICE. HOLY SPIRIT LET EACH PERSON READING AND SPENDING TIME THROUGH THIS PROCESS EXPERIENCE A DEEP ENCOUNTER WITHIN, THAT THEY WOULD KNOW BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THEY ARE A CHILD OF GOD.

DAY THREE: POWER TO MINISTER

"WISE LEADERS SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE HUMAN HEART CANNOT EXIST IN A VACUUM. IF CHRISTIANS ARE FORBIDDEN TO ENJOY THE WINE of the spirit they will turn to the wine of the flesh... Christ died for our hearts and the holy spirit wants to come and satisfy them."

- A.W. TOZER -

LUKE 3:22-23

And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli.

Without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, our ministry remains the work of flesh. Our attempt to serve others becomes difficult and tiring. We turn up but our hearts are not there. We would rather not but we do because of a sense of obligation. When we sacrifice we feel dead rather than alive - a living sacrifice is what we desire to be (Romans 12:1-2). We pray but little happens, we get frustrated because we want to see more. Jesus, fully God yet fully man, shows us the importance of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus starts His ministry after He is anointed by the Holy Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit to anoint us to impact our world and to serve others.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, WITHOUT YOU WE ARE POWERLESS TO CHANGE OUR WORLD. WITHOUT YOU WE WEAR OUT. HOLY SPIRIT, ANOINT EACH PERSON READING THIS WITH Power and joy to serve, and power and joy to be sustained.

DAY FOUR: LIVING A HOLY LIFE

"WHEN THE GREAT PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT WAS FULFILLED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, IT WAS FULFILLED NOT IN REFERENCE TO THE APOSTLES ONLY." - CHARLES HODGE -

LUKE 4:1-2

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

The Holy Spirit works in us to strengthen and protect us. A person filled with the Holy Spirit has not only received the Spirit of God but the Holy Spirit of God. As He is Holy so He empowers us to be Holy. We have supernatural power from God to face temptations and overcome.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, HELP EACH MEMBER OF THE CHURCH FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE ELDEST TO SEEK YOU AND YOUR POWER WHEN THEY FACE TEMPTATION AND DIFFICULTIES. AS YOU ARE HOLY, EMPOWER ALL OF THE CHURCH TO LIVE HOLY LIVES.

DAY FIVE: OUR REPUTATION IS IN THE HANDS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS TO-DAY IS NOT MORE MACHINERY OR BETTER, NOT NEW ORGANIZATIONS OR MORE AND NOVEL METHODS, BUT MEN WHOM THE HOLY Ghost can use. Men of Prayer, men mighty in Prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on Machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of Prayer."

- E.M. BOUNDS -

LUKE 4:14

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

It is such a basic concept which we understand. The idea that all we have comes from God; He created everything. Even our success is His work, yet it is a concept that slips through our hands at times. When it does, life becomes tough or life goes to our head and we disconnect from our creator. When we are in step with the Holy Spirit we hold things lightly, and life become a tremendous gift to ourselves and those around us. It's a freeing position to know that our promotion and reputation is in God's hands.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT MOVE POWERFULLY IN EACH PERSON READING AND PRAYING THROUGH THIS BOOK. LET THEM EXPERIENCE YOUR ANOINTING FOR EFFECTIVE SUCCESS. HOLY SPIRIT WORK WITHIN EACH PERSON SO THAT THEY WOULD ALSO SEEK YOU IN ALL THEY DO AND KNOW THAT IT IS FROM YOUR HAND THAT THEY ADVANCE IN LIFE.

DAY SIX: ANOINTED TO SPEAK

"I SEEK THE WILL OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD THROUGH OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORD OF GOD. THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD MUST BE COMBINED. IF I LOOK TO THE SPIRIT ALONE WITHOUT THE WORD, I LAY MYSELF OPEN TO GREAT DELUSIONS ALSO."

- GEORGE MUELLER -

LUKE 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor".

The word "proclaim" is not simply to speak or tell. It is far broader and encompassing of other ideas. It has within its meaning the idea of speaking in such a way that you demonstrate the idea you are speaking about. It is a demonstration of the words you speak. Of course many fear speaking but this is the first step the Holy Spirit deals with. However beyond stepping through our fear, the Holy Spirit takes us beyond mere words. As we speak under the anointing of the Holy Spirit our words become alive. This is a necessary ability, a supernatural ability, an ability beyond our

humanity but through our humanity, an ability that acknowledges our limitations including our fears and transcends them for God's purpose. As we are changed by His anointing, so are others as we speak. It is impossible to speak under the anointing of God and not see change.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, ANOINT THOSE WHO ARE READING AND PRAYING THROUGH YOUR WORD. HOLY SPIRIT TRANSCEND THEIR FEARS AS THEY SEEK YOU, EMPOWER THEM TO PROCLAIM YOU TO THOSE AROUND THEM, GIVE THEM A TANGIBLE AUTHORITY AND CLARITY AS THEY SPEAK.

DAY SEVEN: ANOINTED TO SET PEOPLE FREE

"THE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THERE IS GRANTED THE DIRECT IMPRESSION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD ON THE SPIRIT OF MAN, IMPARTING THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN MATTERS OF THE SMALLEST AND GREATEST IMPORTANCE. THIS HAS TO BE SOUGHT AND WAITED FOR."

- G. CAMPBELL MORGAN -

LUKE 4:18

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives".

It is common for people to talk of a moment "when the lights turned on; a time in which an issue, problem or solution was illuminated in such a way that a positive change could be made. When the anointed proclamation occurs, the "lights get turned on" for the hearer in such a powerful way that they see a way out and see the steps forward. Liberty and freedom become possible. It's this anointed proclamation that becomes the key to open the lock captives are set free.

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MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOINTS YOU WITH POWER IN YOUR WORDS TO "TURN THE LIGHTS ON FOR THOSE AROUND YOU" AND AS YOU SPEAK YOU WOULD SEE PEOPLE STEPPING OUT OF WHAT HOLDS THEM BACK - WHETHER IT IS SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL.

DAY EIGHT: ANOINTED TO HEAL

"SINCE THE DAYS OF PENTECOST, HAS THE WHOLE CHURCH EVER PUT ASIDE EVERY OTHER WORK AND WAITED UPON HIM FOR TEN DAYS, THAT THE SPIRIT'S POWER MIGHT BE MANIFESTED? WE GIVE TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO METHOD AND MACHINERY AND RESOURCES, AND TOO LITTLE TO THE SOURCE OF POWER." - HUDSON TAYLOR -

LUKE 4:18

"... And recovery of sight to the blind."

One of the images of the Holy Spirit is fire. The fire is an image of not only passion, heat and judgment, but also light and direction. When a person is blind there is no light - they cannot see. They walk in darkness. At times people who once have seen clearly lose their sight. What is true for people naturally is also true for people spiritually. Without a miracle people remain blind. The anointing in our lives gives supernatural power by the Holy Spirit to recover sight for those around us, so that they can see again. It's an anointing of hope; an incredible gift given to us as we proclaim His truth and grace. If we, anointed by the Holy Spirit, make known the good news of Jesus Christ, people start to see and walk in the light of His grace.

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MY PRAYER: THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD POWERFULLY ANOINT YOU, SO AS YOU SPEAK AND ACT THE "LIGHTS WOULD COME ON" FOR THOSE YOU LIVE AND WORK AMONGST.

DAY NINE: ANOINT US TO DEFEAT OPPRESSION

"PRAYER IS A SINCERE, SENSIBLE, AFFECTIONATE POURING OUT OF THE SOUL TO GOD, THROUGH CHRIST, IN THE STRENGTH AND ASSISTANCE OF THE SPIRIT, FOR Such Things as god has promised."

- JOHN BUNYAN -

LUKE 4:18

"To set at liberty those who are oppressed."

It is not uncommon to hear the expression, "I feel like I have a cloud hanging over me", or "he walks around under a cloud". These expressions are trying to convey a thought that a spiritual and/or emotional heaviness seems to hinder some peoples' lives. Of course this is only one kind of oppression. As significant as this kind of oppression is, there are many people around the world that live under oppression from the unjust rules within their countries, local communities and even families. We see images every day of the rule of the wicked afflicting devastating destruction and poverty on the lives of the innocent. The cure of all wickedness is the change of the human heart and the manifestation of the rule of the Kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit is the agent that manifests the rule of Christ's Kingdom through His people on earth. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, we are to work for the manifestation of liberty in every arena of life for individuals, families, communities and culture.

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MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOINTS YOU TODAY AND THROUGH YOU THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL MANIFEST THE RULE OF JESUS CHRIST. THAT IN EVERY AREA THAT YOU ENCOUNTER OPPRESSION IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OR TYPE OF OPPRESSION, YOU WOULD BRING LIBERTY TO THOSE YOU DEAL WITH.

DAY TEN: ANOINT US TO DEMONSTRATE THE GRACE OF GOD

"WE KNOW NOT THE MATTER OF THE THINGS FOR WHICH WE SHOULD PRAY, NEITHER THE OBJECT TO WHOM WE PRAY, NOR THE MEDIUM BY OR THROUGH WHOM WE Pray; none of these things know we, but by the help and assistance of the spirit."

- JOHN BUNYAN -

LUKE 4:19

"To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

The year of the Lord's favor was a period in which debt was cancelled and the soil left to rest. For so many people they live constantly under two tyrannies, the tyranny of unpaid debt, and the tyranny of never ending toil. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit the proclamation of the grace of God reorientates a person's life. They are free from the sense of "the unpaid" and "the unfinished", and they are set free from the burden of guilt and the burden of duty. They experience forgiveness, mercy,

love, acceptance, life beyond circumstance, contentment, spiritual and emotional rest. They experience the manifest pleasure of God's presence. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit we become heralds and vessels of this favor for others. Incredible really!

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MY PRAYER: MAY YOU DEMONSTRATE AND DELIVER, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH WORDS, TOUCH, ACTIONS AND BY JUST BEING WITH PEOPLE, THE MANIFESTATION OF THE FAVOR OF GOD TO OTHERS.

DAY ELEVEN: THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS

"ALL OUTWARD MEANS OF GRACE, IF SEPARATE FROM THE SPIRIT OF GOD, CANNOT PROFIT, OR CONDUCE, IN ANY DEGREE, EITHER TO THE KNOWLEDGE OR LOVE OF GOD. ALL OUTWARD THINGS, UNLESS HE WORKS IN THEM AND BY THEM, ARE IN VAIN."

- JOHN WESLEY -

LUKE 10:21-24

In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and

no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

The Holy Spirit is the great leveler. It's not about how smart we are, how tough we are, how many resources we have, where we live, how many courses we've done, or age, gender or experience. It is about the Holy Spirit's gracious will to reveal to us as a gift His wondrous

revelation of who Jesus is, what He said, what He has done, what He promises and what this all means. The Holy Spirit reveals and teaches us the wonders and wisdom of God.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT REVEAL JESUS AND THE WONDERS OF HIS WORD TO THOSE READING AND PRAYING THROUGH THIS MATERIAL. OPEN THE HEAVENS ABOVE THEM. SPEAK INTO EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIVES.

DAY TWELVE: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PROMISED

"THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PRAYER IS NO OTHER THAN GOD'S OWN SPIRIT DWELLING IN THE HEARTS OF THE SAINTS. And as this spirit comes from God, so doth it naturally tend to god in holy breathings and pantings. It naturally leads to god, to converse with him by prayer."

- JONATHAN EDWARDS -

LUKE 11:13

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Holy Spirit always comes when we ask Him. The request is not a request we have to wonder whether it will be answered. It is a promised certainty.

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MY PRAYER: LORD I PRAY THAT AS EACH PERSON ASKS YOU FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY WOULD HAVE AN INCREASED SENSE OF FAITH AND RELIANCE UPON YOU. AND AS YOU COME THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND HOW CONFIDENT THEY CAN BE WHEN YOU ANOINT THEM.

DAY THIRTEEN: TEACHES US WHAT TO SAY

"WHEN IT IS A QUESTION OF GOD'S ALMIGHTY SPIRIT, NEVER SAY, 'I CAN'T." - Oswald Chambers -

LUKE 12:12

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

One of the greatest fears people have is the fear of speaking in public. This is as true for speaking about the things of God as it is for anything else. Though we desire to share about Jesus, we can at times struggle to know what and how to say things. However the Holy Spirit has promised to teach us what we should say. The pressure is not ours to carry because the Holy Spirit is our script writer; we need only to listen to Him.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT ANOINT THE MIND AND HEART OF EACH PERSON READING THIS, THAT THEY WOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR HEART TO SPEAK CLEARLY OF YOU And the necessary content from you to engage their listeners.

DAY FOURTEEN: THE SPIRIT NOT ONLY TEACHES BUT COMMANDS

"IF WE RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE SHALL FIND THAT OUR PRAYERS BECOME MORE AND MORE INARTICULATE; AND WHEN THEY ARE Inarticulate, reverence grows deeper and deeper."

- OSWALD CHAMBERS -

ACTS 1:2

Until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Living in an egalitarian society such as ours has many benefits, but also some challenges. Responding freely to what we are taught is easy because we are in control, but to do what we are directed to do or even commanded to do is quite foreign for us. Because we see ourselves as all equal - all "mates", the concept of following another's authority and command is a challenge. But we believe in Jesus being our Lord, not just our Saviour, and so we are called to obey. Without the Holy Spirit we neither have the inclination to obey nor the ear to hear His commands. When the Holy Spirit speaks, we know deep within that the Lord's commands are perfect in every way.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT ANOINT EACH PERSON SEEKING YOU THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION TO YIELD TO YOUR VOICE AND FOLLOW YOUR DIRECTIONS.

DAY FIFTEEN: BAPTISED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"PRAYER IS NOT LOGICAL; IT IS A MYSTERIOUS MORAL WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." - Oswald Chambers -

ACTS 1:5

"For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The word baptised means to immerse, to cover, to sink, to saturate, and to bury. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit is to be totally surrounded, saturated and covered with the Holy Spirit. A person who is saturated knows they are wet; someone immersed in the Holy Spirit knows it.

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MY PRAYER: JESUS BAPTISE EACH PERSON READING THIS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. SATURATE THEM IN YOUR PRESENCE AND POWER. LET EACH PERSON BE WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

DAY SIXTEEN: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS EXPERIENCED

"AS THE SUN CAN BE SEEN ONLY BY ITS OWN LIGHT, SO CHRIST CAN BE KNOWN ONLY BY HIS OWN SPIRIT" - Robert Leighton -

ACTS 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

The ministry of the Holy Spirit, His anointing and enabling power is not something we just accept by faith without any evidence. The Holy Spirit brings power to us from heaven. It is seen through supernatural evidence; most significantly the ability to see the hearts and minds of those around us changed and transformed into believers. We also experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our body, soul and spirit. We sense the Holy Spirit affecting every one of our senses as He moves through our whole being to reach others.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT ANOINT EVERY AREA OF EVERY PERSON PRAYING AND READING THROUGH THIS MATERIAL. HOLY SPIRIT SHOW THEM YOUR TANGIBLE WORKINGS In their body, soul and spirit. Let them see tangible evidence of the hearts and minds of those they come into contact with being affected.

DAY SEVENTEEN: THE POWER HAS A PURPOSE

"THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND THE SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST. HE FILLS THE BODY, DIRECTS ITS MOVEMENTS, CONTROLS ITS MEMBERS, INSPIRES ITS WISDOM, AND SUPPLIES ITS STRENGTH. HE GUIDES INTO TRUTH, SANCTIFIES ITS AGENTS, AND EMPOWERS FOR WITNESSING. THE SPIRIT HAS NEVER ABDICATED HIS AUTHORITY NOR RELEGATED HIS POWER."

- SAMUEL CHADWICK -

ACTS 1:8

"And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Without a purpose people perish. Everyone needs a sense of meaning and direction.

The Holy Spirit doesn't just anoint so that we have a feel good experience. The Holy Spirit has something more profound and permanent for us. The Holy Spirit draws us into a partnership with the trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Incredible really. God gives us the opportunity to represent Him - to extend His kingdom.

Interestingly, when any machine is operated accordingly to the purpose

it was made for, it always runs much better. When we operate under the anointing of the Holy Spirit we can't help but do what we were created to do - know God and make Him known, worship and witness.

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MY PRAYER: I AM PRAYING FOR YOU THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL DRAW YOU INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND A GREATER SENSE OF DEPENDENCE ON HIS Anointing. As you surrender to the holy spirit and seek him, you would have an increasing sense of your purpose as one of GOD's representatives on Earth and as you reach out to others your sense of purpose and fulfillment in life would greatly increase.

DAY EIGHTEEN: THE HOLY SPIRIT AFFECTS YOUR MOUTH

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECEIVE GOD'S ARRANGEMENT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. TO ESCAPE GOD'S ARRANGEMENT JUST ONE TIME IS TO LOSE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR CAPACITY ENLARGED. A BELIEVER CAN NEVER BE THE SAME AFTER PASSING THROUGH SUFFERING." - WATCHMAN NEE -

ACTS 2:4

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

It is pretty hard to know that someone has been significantly affected by something without hearing them speak. When we are in love we express it, when we are hurt we cry, when we are angry we raise our voices, when we are excited we shout and sing. The same is true with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts when the Holy Spirit fills, anoints, comes upon etc a person, their mouths are affected. They speak in tongues, they prophesy, they praise and they witness boldly. The Holy Spirit will fill you, so if you are so filled, you will speak.

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MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, REMOVE ALL FEAR FROM EACH PERSON. HOLY SPIRIT LET THEM SURRENDER THEIR VOICES TO YOU. LET THEM SPEAK IN TONGUES, PROPHESY, EVANGELISE, AND PRAISE YOU. LOOSEN AND ANOINT THEIR TONGUE - MAY THEY KNOW THE FREEDOM THAT COMES WHEN YOU MOVE THEIR LIPS AND TONGUE.

DAY NINETEEN: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO ALL

"THIS DESIRE FOR HEART PURITY IS A CREATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE HEART." - Duncan Campbell -

ACTS 2:17-18

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

One of the most incredible things about the Holy Spirit is that He comes to all, for all. The Holy Spirit is not given to the elite, the most educated, the wealthiest, the most sacrificial, the most religious etc. The Holy Spirit comes to every person who asks for Him. Whatever you do, don't place any boundaries between you and the Holy Spirit. He doesn't care how old or young you are or whether you are male or female, rich or poor, king or servant, famous or unknown, whether you have failed once or a thousand times a thousand - He will pour His Spirit out on you.

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MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT IF YOU HAVE PLACED ANY FALSE BARRIERS BETWEEN YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, OR WHETHER YOU HAVE SOMEHOW DISQUALIFIED YOURSELF, OR YOU THINK BECAUSE YOU ONCE HAD SOMETHING OF GOD BUT HAVE SINCE LOST IT, THAT NONE OF THESE THINGS OR ANYTHING ELSE WILL STOP YOU SEEKING HIS PROMISE AND RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OR REFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

DAY TWENTY: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SEEN & HEARD

"TAKE THIS AS THE SECRET OF CHRIST'S LIFE IN YOU: HIS SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOUR INNERMOST SPIRIT. Meditate on It, believe in it, and remember it until this glorious truth produces within you a Holy fear and wonderment that the holy spirit indeed abides in you!"

- WATCHMAN NEE -

ACTS 2:33

...Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

The Holy Spirit was not only heard, but also seen. Our lives need to be so given over to the Holy Spirit that people see the evidence of the Spirit in our lives.

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MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD KNOW THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS ANOINTING POWER SO THAT YOUR LIFE, WORK AND WORDS WOULD BE OUTWARDLY AS WELL AS INWARDLY DIFFERENT. I PRAY THAT PEOPLE WOULD SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN YOU.

DAY TWENTY-ONE: REPENTANCE FROM SIN, FAITH TOWARDS JESUS

"THE CHIEF DANGER OF THE CHURCH TODAY IS THAT IT IS TRYING TO GET ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE WORLD, INSTEAD OF TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. OUR MASTER EXPECTS US TO ACCOMPLISH RESULTS, EVEN IF THEY BRING OPPOSITION AND CONFLICT. ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN COMPROMISE, APATHY, AND PARALYSIS. GOD, GIVE TO US AN INTENSE CRY FOR THE OLD-TIME POWER OF THE GOSPEL AND THE HOLY GHOST!"

- A.B. SIMPSON -

ACTS 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is Holy. It is not just any spirit. Only that which is declared righteous in the eyes of God can be considered Holy before Him. Our righteousness is not of ourselves, but we who are in Christ are declared righteous through His work on the cross. As we turn from sin in repentance, we also turn to Jesus Christ in faith knowing that we are saved by grace through faith. It is both the repentance from sin and faith towards God through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ, that we are positioned to receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Without both repentance and faith, we are not able to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD TAKE TIME TO LOOK HONESTLY AT YOUR LIFE, TO REPENT OF YOUR SIN, AND TO PLACE TOTAL TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS For all you have done or failed to do - sins of commission and omission. When others who are filled with the holy spirit lay their hands on you, you too can be filled.

DAY TWENTY-TWO: THE SPIRIT MAKES YOU BOLD

"ONE OF THE SPECIAL MARKS OF THE HOLY GHOST IN THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH WAS THE SPIRIT OF BOLDNESS." - A.B. Simpson -

ACTS 4:8

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders..."

The transformation in our lives when the Holy Spirit comes on us is incredible. Peter had denied Christ for fear of physical punishment. Yet after being baptised in the Holy Spirit he becomes extremely brave - the fear is gone and replaced with a commanding and confident boldness. This can only be explained by the work of God.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUR FEARS WILL BE STRIPPED AWAY AND THROUGH THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU WILL STEP INTO A NEW DAY OF GREAT ASSURANCE AND BOLDNESS.

DAY TWENTY-THREE: SPIRIT-BREATHED SO WE CAN BOLDLY PREACH

"THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER, OUR LIFE MAY BE ONE OF CONTINUAL PRAYER. THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER WILL HELP YOU BECOME AN Intercessor, asking great things of god for those around you."

- ANDREW MURRAY -

ACTS 4:25-26

...who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed"

We have so much to be confident in. Not only are we anointed by the Holy Spirit, but we already have His anointed word. We never have to lack confidence to preach because we have both His Word and His influence over the Word.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT ANOINT EACH READER WITH INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN THE POWER OF THE UNCLUTTERED WORD OF GOD. AS THEY MAKE YOUR WORD THEIR WORD, MOVE POWERFULLY THROUGH THEM AS THEY SPEAK.

DAY TWENTY-FOUR: THE SPIRIT SHAKES THINGS UP

"CHURCH POWER ARISES FROM THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT; THEREFORE THOSE IN WHOM THE SPIRIT DWELLS Are the seat of church power. But the spirit dwells in the whole church, and therefore the whole church is the seat of church power."

- CHARLES HODGE -

ACTS 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Often I don't realise or I forget that the Holy Spirit we are baptised in is the same Holy Spirit that hovered over the earth in creation, and is the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the grave. The Holy Spirit creates and recreates - that is a lot of power. Can you imagine plugging in to that power source? No wonder things shake from time to time. Let's not limit our belief in what the Holy Spirit can do.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT IN WHATEVER AREA OF LIFE YOU NEED POWER, OR A HOLY SPIRIT SHAKE UP, HE WOULD GIVE IT OR DO IT FOR YOU.

DAY TWENTY-FIVE: FULL OF THE SPIRIT, FULL OF WISDOM

"AS SOON AS WE SEE THE LORD JESUS ON THE CROSS, WE KNOW OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN ; AND AS SOON AS WE SEE THE LORD JESUS ON THE THRONE, WE KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN POURED OUT UPON US."

- WATCHMAN NEE -

ACTS 6:3

"Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty."

The power of God can never be separated from the wisdom of God. The power is not in a force but in a person, and that person is also the counsellor and teacher - the Holy Spirit. When there are times where we don't know what to do, wisdom is vital for us. When the Counsellor speaks we receive wisdom - we know what to do. This wisdom is from heaven and is a supernatural gift and ability (power) given to us through the Holy Spirit

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: WHERE YOU ARE UNCERTAIN OR DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, I PRAY THAT AS YOU SEEK THE HOLY SPIRIT HE WILL SHOW YOU. I ALSO PRAY THAT WISDOM WOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE TO YOU IN ALL YOU DO.

DAY TWENTY-SIX: FAITH & THE HOLY SPIRIT LINKED

"AS CHRISTIANS GROW IN HOLY LIVING, THEY SENSE THEIR OWN INHERENT MORAL WEAKNESS AND REJOICE THAT WHATEVER VIRTUE THEY POSSESS Flourishes as the fruit of the spirit."

- D.A. CARSON -

ACTS 6:5

"And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch."

In Hebrews 11:6 it says without faith it is impossible to please God. What encourages me is that we don't have to rely just on our faith. Once we receive Jesus Christ by grace and are sealed with the Holy Spirit as a guarantee, we then receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are filled and clothed with Him. Then faith rises in us as a natural outworking of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT, INCREASE BY YOUR WORKING THE LEVEL OF FAITH IN EACH PERSON. HOLY SPIRIT AS EACH PERSON PUSHES MORE INTO YOU, LET MIRACLES AND SIGNS AND WONDERS ASSOCIATED TO THE SUPERNATURAL GIFT OF FAITH INCREASE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN: THE HOLY SPIRIT DEFEATS ARGUMENTS

"WHEN ALL NATURE IS AT REST, NOT A LEAF MOVING, THEN AT EVENING THE DEW COMES DOWN -- NO EYE TO SEE The Pearly drops descending, no ear to hear them falling on the verdant grass -- so does the spirit come to You who believe. When the heart is at rest in Jesus -- Unseen, Unheard by the World -- the spirit comes, And softly fills the believing soul, Quickening All, Renewing All Within."

- ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE -

ACTS 6:10

But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

When heaven speaks, the world is silent. When the Holy Spirit is speaking, the insight, authority, logic, power and effects are irresistible. What takes us a thousand words, takes the Holy Spirit can accomplish with just one word.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD DRAW UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORDS AND PROMPTINGS WHEN CONFRONTED BY DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS, SO THAT YOUR WORDS WOULD BE INFUSED WITH THE IRRESISTIBLE FORCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S REASON.

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT: THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE RESISTED

"A HOLY MINISTER IS AN AWFUL WEAPON IN THE HAND OF GOD. A WORD SPOKEN BY YOU WHEN YOUR CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR, AND YOUR HEART FULL OF GOD'S SPIRIT, IS WORTH Ten Thousand Words spoken in Unbelief and Sin."

- ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE -

ACTS 7:51

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you."

God will never override how He created us. We have options. We can choose. We can resist the irresistible which is a frightening thought when you take it to its conclusion. The most sobering thought is that because of my hardness of heart, I could refuse the best options for my life. I must never take the Holy Spirit for granted and always keep my heart tender towards Him.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WILL LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT LIFE DOESN'T SWALLOW YOU UP AND THAT YOUR HEART DOESN'T BECOME WEIGHED DOWN AND DULL OF HEARING. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE TIME TO HEAR HIS VOICE AND SENSE HIS PROMPTING.

DAY TWENTY-NINE:

EVEN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO SEE GOD

"THIS DESIRE FOR HEART PURITY IS A CREATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE HEART." - Duncan Campbell -

ACTS 7:55

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

The Holy Spirit is so beautiful. He will never allow those who are connected to Him to lose their sight of God. No matter how difficult or painful the situation is, the Holy Spirit will work in us so that the vision of Jesus what we see - will transcend any temporal circumstances.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT LET YOUR SERVANT BEFORE YOU SEE MORE AND MORE CLEARLY - SHOW YOURSELF TO THEM IN A GREATER WAY.

DAY THIRTY: IMPARTED THROUGH THE PRAYERS & MINISTRY OF OTHERS

"THERE IS NOT A BETTER EVANGELIST IN THE WORLD THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT." - D. L. MOODY -

ACTS 8:14-15

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit understands community, and works through community. The Holy Spirit is a person in relationship with the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is not a force, but can influence through spiritual force or anointing. The Holy Spirit is a person; therefore the gifts are often given through the ministry of people in communion with each other. If the only way the Holy Spirit was given was by supernatural visitation apart from community, we would be tempted to focus on the force of the Holy Spirit and not the relational importance of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD FIND SOMEONE TO PRAY FOR/WITH YOU IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I PRAY YOU WOULD SEE THE BENEFIT IN THE EFFECT THAT PRAYING WITH SOMEONE HAS ON YOUR LIFE.

DAY THIRTY-ONE: IMPARTED THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

"TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS TO MANIFEST GENUINELY CHRIST-LIKE BEHAVIOR BY DEPENDENCE ON THE WORKING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN, MOTIVATED BY A LOVE FOR THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD."

- RAY C. STEDMAN -

ACTS 8:17

"Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

A great mystery is that although the Holy Spirit could work without us, He has chosen to work in and through us. We see this very evidently in the personal act of the laying on of hands. Human touch is a powerful symbol and a needed source of human expression. When we see the Holy Spirit given through the laying on of hands, it confirms at an even greater level the partnership and communion we are to have with the Spirit of God.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: MAY YOU SENSE THE TOUCH OF GOD WHEN YOU LAY YOUR HANDS ON OTHERS IN PRAYER. I PRAY ALSO THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FILLING OR REFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN OTHERS WHO ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT LAY THEIR HANDS ON YOU.

DAY THIRTY-TWO: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN

"FORMS AND RITUALS DO NOT PRODUCE WORSHIP, NOR DOES THE DISUSE OF FORMS AND RITUALS. We can use all the right techniques and methods, we can have the best possible liturgy, but we have not worshipped the lord until spirit touches spirit."

- RICHARD J. FOSTER -

ACTS 8:18-19

Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, 'Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.'

There is danger with the demonstration or use of any power. Because the gifts, workings and manifestations of the Spirit are so obvious and wonderful, there will always be the temptation to see them as beneficial to our own self-serving position or importance in life. The Holy Spirit is Holy. We must never trivialize the Spirit of God. Using gifts is not a game, it is a grace. The Holy Spirit's gifts were given when Jesus ascended into heaven, and Jesus' ascension cannot be separated from His death and resurrection. So the giving of the Spirit must be understood in the relationship it has to salvation and the cost of Jesus' life.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT WHEN YOU USE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU WOULD DO SO WITH GREAT REVERENCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL GOD HAS DONE.

DAY THIRTY-THREE: THE HOLY SPIRIT DESIRES A RIGHT HEART

"TO FEEL THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH ONE'S OWN HEART IS ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT...I SAW WITH MY OWN EYE'S THE BOUNDLESS POSSIBILITIES OF Revival and once again consistent, fervent, believing prayer was the key."

- JONATHAN GOFORTH -

ACTS 8:19-23

"For your heart is not right before God... Repent, therefore, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

The Holy Spirit is looking to rest on that which is at peace. Peace comes when we are reconciled and the reconciled no longer need to strive. When there is bitterness in our soul, unforgiveness, disappointment, or issues of the heart left undealt with, it affects our motivations. Wrong motivations with power leads to manipulation. Power without peace only leads to greater conflict. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit and is drawn to the pure of heart.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT OPEN EACH PERSONS HEART, SHINE DEEPLY WITHIN EACH PERSON SO THAT THEY MIGHT SEE THAT WHICH IS REALLY MOTIVATING THEM. HEAL Any bitterness of heart, and empower each to forgive and to surrender all to you.

DAY THIRTY-FOUR: THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS COMFORT

"WE PREACH AND PRAY, AND YOU HEAR; BUT THERE IS NO MOTION Christ-Ward Until the Spirit of God Blows upon them." - John Flavel -

ACTS 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Where the Holy Spirit is, there is a sense of calm. Growth doesn't need to require striving nor does multiplication require extreme human effort. It is not by might or power, but by the Holy Spirit being at work that produces growth. There is a natural calmness and a supernatural calmness - the supernatural calmness of the Holy Spirit is always accompanied by a heightened sense and awareness of God in His awesome majesty. The fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit work together.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT EACH PERSON IS INVOLVED IN, WOULD YOU STEP IN AND BRING A COMFORTING AND CALMING PRES-Ence. Holy spirit let those who are reading this walk in an increased awareness and holy respect for you. Let them also experience your comfort and calming effect.

DAY THIRTY-FIVE: **THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GETS THINGS DONE**

"HE IS INTANGIBLE AND INVISIBLE. BUT HIS WORK IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE MOST FEROCIOUS WIND. THE SPIRIT BRINGS ORDER OUT OF CHAOS AND BEAUTY OUT OF UGLINESS. HE CAN TRANSFORM A SIN-BLISTERED MAN INTO A PARAGON OF VIRTUE. THE SPIRIT CHANGES PEOPLE. THE AUTHOR OF LIFE IS ALSO THE TRANSFORMER OF LIFE." - R. C. Sproul-

ACTS 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

With God, all things are possible. Without God, it is just plain hard work - an incredible grind and worse, impossible. At times we forget this simple fact. Even when we pray, we can pray in the flesh i.e. pray with no awareness or dependence on the Holy Spirit. Every time we place a concept, a method, or a teaching above the person of the Holy Spirit, we begin to walk in the flesh. Even Jesus, fully man but fully God, did all His miracles under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY YOU WOULD KNOW THE JOY OF LETTING GO OF ANY RELIANCE ON YOUR HUMAN EFFORT AND REPLACING THAT WITH A NEW SURRENDERED RELIANCE ON THE POWER OF GOD'S ANOINTING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. MAY THE POWER OF GOD INCREASE IN YOUR LIFE AS YOU PLACE GREATER RELIANCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

DAY THIRTY-SIX: Speaking in tongues a sign of the baptism of the holy spirit

"I CAN SAY, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT, THAT WHEREVER GOD CAN GET A PEOPLE THAT WILL COME Together in one accord and one mind in the word of god, the baptism of the holy ghost Will fall upon them, like as at cornelius' house."

- WILLIAM J. SEYMOUR -

ACTS 10:44-48

"While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days."

As the early church advanced into new areas, God always produced obvious signs of the kingdom of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit was seen and heard, and is today still the agent that advances the kingdom of God. The pattern of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is clearly evident in several passages as it is in this, that pattern is as relevant for us today as it was in the book of Acts. It is clear and powerful evidence that God's kingdom is advancing.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT MOVE ON EACH PERSON, REMOVE ALL FEAR. YOU WANT EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE AND KNOW THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. HOLY Spirit, you begin with the overflow of our hearts, that being our mouths. Holy spirit, give those who seek you the wonderful gift of your prayer Language - Tongues. For others the gift of prophecy, evangelism, or the public praising of your name. Holy spirit let each person's tongue be used by you and for you.

DAY THIRTY-SEVEN: THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS NOT A ONE-TIME ONLY EVENT

"THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE TO THE WORLD'S POWER. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES GOD'S CHILDREN THE ABILITY To serve his purpose for our lives. The holy spirit's power is unlike any other in the world. Only the power of the holy spirit can transform us, relieve our guilt, and heal our souls."

- MICHAEL YOUSSEFF -

ACTS 11:15

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."".

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. The power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts was meant to empower the church to reach everyone to the very ends of the earth. While there are still people to reach, God will empower us and send us. The events of Acts are meant to continue today - He is the same today.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT AS YOU PRAY YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER FOR THIS DAY FOR THIS PLACE. THAT YOU WILL BE EQUIPPED FROM HEAVEN WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL GIFT Including a heavenly prayer language, so that you will experience both a building up on the inside and an outward supernatural ability to impact others.

DAY THIRTY-EIGHT: A LINK BETWEEN BEING FULL OF FAITH & FULL OF THE SPIRIT

"GOD COMMANDS US TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, AND IF WE ARE NOT FILLED, It is because we are living beneath our privileges."

- D.L. MOODY -

ACTS 11:24

For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Good people are easy to identify, for they are people who attract others because they are full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT AS THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU, YOU WOULD SEE AN INCREASE IN YOUR FAITH. I PRAY THAT AS YOU SEEK MORE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PEOPLE WOULD BE INCREASINGLY DRAWN TO YOU AND THAT YOUR GOOD WORKS IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS WOULD INCREASE.

DAY THIRTY-NINE: THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS TO US

"IF WE ARE FULL OF PRIDE AND CONCEIT AND AMBITION AND SELF-SEEKING AND PLEASURE AND THE WORLD, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD, And I believe many a man is praying to god to fill him when he is full already with something else."

- D.L. MOODY -

ACTS 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'

Our faith is very exciting. We don't have to run after the religious experts to hear God speak. It is so exciting to know that God will direct us in very specific ways.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT DIRECT EACH PERSON WHO IS READING THIS WITH YOUR VOICE. LET THEM GROW IN THEIR ABILITY TO HEAR YOU AND FOLLOW YOU.

DAY FORTY: THE HOLY SPIRIT SENDS

"BREATHE IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT, THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY. ACT IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT, THAT MY WORK, TOO, MAY BE HOLY. DRAW MY HEART, O HOLY SPIRIT, THAT I LOVE BUT WHAT IS HOLY. STRENGTHEN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT, TO DEFEND ALL THAT IS HOLY. GUARD ME, THEN, O HOLY SPIRIT, THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY." - ST. AUGUSTINE -

ACTS 13:4

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

If I decide to do something on my own with no confirmation, celebration or support of others, as soon as things start to get difficult I lose confidence. All of us need to have the support and confirmation of others. We need to be sent. For some they think they are sent but really are only "wants". They make up their own

mind with no consultation of others and then ask for prayer or support in "their" idea. But the Holy Spirit wants to take the sending initiative. This Holy Spirit initiative is seen constantly throughout the New Testament. There is no greater sending than that of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT HELP EACH PERSON KNOW WHEN THEY ARE BEING SENT AND THE DIFFERENCE WHEN THEY ARE NOT. HOLY SPIRIT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN OUR LIVES AND SEND US, TO OUR FAMILIES, WORK COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBOURS, AND COMMUNITIES.

DAY FORTY-ONE: JOY COMES FROM BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"WITHOUT PRAYER WHAT ARE THE CHURCH'S AGENCIES, BUT THE STRETCHING OUT OF A DEAD MAN'S ARM, OR THE LIFTING UP OF THE LID OF A BLIND MAN'S EYE? ONLY When the Holy spirit comes is there any life and force and power."

- CHARLES SPURGEON -

ACTS 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Joy is like a fountain. It bubbles up and cascades out for all to enjoy. Joy is like a river unstoppable in its effect on its environment - it is this image of water that Jesus draws on when He said "from within will flow rivers of living water" the river of the Spirit is also the river of joy. We will never lack for joy where the river runs strong.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT AS YOU SEEK AND RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU WOULD EXPERIENCE A REVOLUTION IN YOUR LIFE - A REVOLUTION OF DEEP JOY.

DAY FORTY-TWO: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO BEAR WITNESS

"OH! YES, (THE PRAYER MEETING) IS THE PLACE TO MEET WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND THIS IS THE WAY TO GET HIS MIGHTY POWER. IF WE WOULD HAVE HIM, WE MUST MEET IN GREATER NUMBERS; WE MUST PRAY WITH GREATER FERVENCY, WE MUST WATCH WITH GREATER EARNESTNESS, AND BELIEVE WITH FIRMER STEADFASTNESS. THE PRAYER MEETING...IS THE APPOINTED PLACE FOR THE RECEPTION OF POWER."

- CHARLES SPURGEON -

ACTS 15:8

"And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us."

The Holy Spirit it not just the promise but also the proof of the promise. As the Holy Spirit anoints us, we see the promise fulfilled. It is both the internal and external evidence of the Holy Spirit that make things so clear.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT AS YOU BEAR WITNESS THROUGH YOUR WORKINGS, I ASK THAT THOSE WHO SEEK AND RECEIVE YOU WOULD GO ON TO GREATER THINGS IN YOU AND THAT THE CAPACITY OF THEIR HEARTS WOULD BE INCREASED IN YOU AND FOR YOU.

DAY FORTY-THREE: THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS WITH US

"PRAYER IS AN ART WHICH ONLY THE SPIRIT CAN TEACH US. HE IS THE GIVER OF ALL PRAYER." - Charles Spurgeon -

ACTS 15:28

"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements"

The Holy Spirit works with us, He draws us in to partner with Him, and His desire is to see us make great decisions. Every right choice we make for the sake of the kingdom, the Holy Spirit confirms.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT AS YOU SEEK THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE WILL CONFIRM YOUR DECISIONS.

DAY FORTY-FOUR: THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN RESTRAIN US

"THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GIFT OF THE RISEN CHRIST. HIS ANOINTING FILLING, EMPOWERING WORK IS A BAPTISM OF LOVE THAT GIVES POWER TO MAKE JESUS REAL TO YOU And known to others."

- WINKIE PRATNEY -

ACTS 16:6

"And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia."

It is one thing to know the Holy Spirit will lead us; it is quite another thing to know He will restrain us at times. At times we confuse the restraint of the Holy Spirit with lack of commitment or human sin or even the devil. At times we can even pray against those things that are stopping us progress and if not careful, we find ourselves praying against the Holy Spirit. We ought never to confuse a delay with a total "no". The Holy Spirit will hold us back at times to teach us something greater.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DELAY AND A "NO". I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD FLOW WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOT FIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU WOULD BE PATIENT IN TIMES OF RESTRAINT.

DAY FORTY-FIVE: WE NEED TO ASK THE HONEST QUESTION

"THE KEY IS NOT MONEY, ORGANIZATION, CLEVERNESS, OR EDUCATION. ARE YOU AND I SEEING THE RESULTS PETER SAW? Are we bringing thousands of men and women to christ the way he did? If not, we need to get back to his power source..."

- JIM CYMBALA -

ACTS 19:2

"And he said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble; the baptism in the Holy Spirit is too precious to miss what God has for us because of our pride. Pride assumes we have it all, humility starts with the assumption we need more. Pride gives the answer, humility asks the question. Go ahead and ask "Lord, am I really baptised in the Holy Spirit?"

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY YOU WOULD NEVER BE HELD BACK BY PRIDE. I PRAY THAT THE HONEST QUESTIONS YOU ASK WOULD LEAD TO A GREATER INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

DAY FORTY-SIX: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON US. WE KNOW IT, WE SENSE IT.

"WHAT THE DISCIPLES WANTED WAS NOT NUMBERS BUT AN ESSENTIAL QUALITY THAT WOULD KEEP THEM BEING THE CHURCH GOD INTENDED. BOLDNESS CAN Only be imparted by the holy spirit."

- JIM CYMBALA -

ACTS 19:6

"And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them."

Those who hunger shall be filled. In humility we hunger for much more of the Holy Spirit, and as promised He fills us and when He does - we know it.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT FILL EACH PERSON TO OVERFLOWING. COME UPON THEM IN POWER AND MIGHT AND LET THE HUMBLE RECEIVE FROM YOU HOLY SPIRIT.

DAY FORTY-SEVEN: HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM ALLOWS US TO SPEAK IN TONGUES

"WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME TO MOSES, THE PLAGUES CAME UPON EGYPT, AND HE HAD POWER TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES; WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME UPON ELIJAH, FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN; WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME UPON GIDEON, NO MAN COULD STAND BEFORE HIM; AND WHEN IT CAME UPON JOSHUA, HE MOVED AROUND THE CITY OF JERICHO AND THE WHOLE CITY FELL INTO HIS HANDS; BUT WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME UPON THE SON OF MAN, HE GAVE HIS LIFE; HE HEALED THE BROKEN-HEARTED."

- D.L. MOODY -

ACTS 19:6

"...And they began speaking in tongues and prophesying."

As I have ministered in many places and cultures of the world I have noticed that the more materialistic people are, the less inclined they are to want to follow or do as others do. There seems to be a premium in being "unique" or "yourself", but this self-autonomy is the opposite to the dying to self demonstrated by Christ and expected of every follower of Jesus. We are challenged by the patterns we see in the bible. At times we don't won't to be like everyone else, be normal. But the normal pattern is good, especially when the normal is given to show us how we will know when we have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Let the bible be your guide and seek the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to give you the normal gift associated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit - the gift of tongues.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD USE THE PATTERN DEMONSTRATED IN THE BIBLE AS A GUIDE, AND THAT THIS PATTERN WILL HELP YOU TO KEEP SEEKING UNTIL YOU RECEIVE The fullness of the spirit. That by his grace you would break through into tongues, prophecy, worship, evangelism or any other manifestation of the Baptism of the holy spirit through your lips.

DAY FORTY-EIGHT: THE HOLY SPIRIT GOES TO PREPARE **US FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD**

"ONE THING I HAVE NOTICED IN STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD, AND THAT IS, WHEN A MAN IS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT HE DEALS LARGELY WITH THE WORD OF GOD, WHEREAS THE MAN WHO IS FILLED WITH HIS OWN IDEAS REFERS RARELY TO THE WORD OF GOD. HE GETS ALONG WITHOUT IT, AND YOU SELDOM SEE IT MENTIONED IN HIS DISCOURSES." - D.L. MOODY -

ACTS 20:23

"... Except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city "

The Holy Spirit is not restricted to Holy places. He can speak to you anywhere and everywhere, where we go He is already there.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: HOLY SPIRIT MAKE YOURSELF CLEARLY PRESENT IN EVERY PLACE AND SITUATION THAT EACH PERSON WILL FIND THEMSELVES.

DAY FORTY-NINE: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE HIM

"UNLESS THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS WITH US, WE CANNOT EXPECT THAT OUR PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED." - D.L. Moody -

ACTS 28:25

"And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

Go to this people, and say, 'You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

It is possible in our over familiarity to turn off on the inside. We who are believers could become so comfortable and safe in our faith that we stop seeking and therefore stop hearing and seeing.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD NEVER TAKE YOUR FAITH FOR GRANTED AND THAT YOU WOULD ALWAYS BE SEEKING TO HEAR AND SEE WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DOING.

DAY FIFTY:

PROMISED TO BE GIVEN IF WE ASK

"THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IS NOT A SPECIAL, DELUXE EDITION OF CHRISTIANITY. It is part and parcel of the total plan of GOD for his people." - AW. TOZER-

ACTS 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."

LUKE 11:13

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Power is promised. So we confidently ask, believing that we will receive the filling or re-filling of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS

MY PRAYER: JESUS, AS EACH PERSON SEEKS YOU TO BE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OR FILLED AGAIN, I ASK THAT YOU WOULD DO SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN WE EVER Imagined.