

***Pentecost and the  
Rebuilt Life II***

***Filled to Build***

# ***Pentecost - The inauguration of Spirit-empowered, restored humanity.***

- ***The Promise***

- ***John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.***
- ***Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.***

- ***The Power***

- ***Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high***

- ***The Purpose***

- ***Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

# ***Typical Pentecostal Sermon***

- ***Focus***
  - *The initial experience,*
  - *The manifestation,*
  - *The evidence,*
  - *The moment they were filled.*
- ***We celebrate that moment because Pentecost is:***
  - *Powerful.*
  - *Supernatural.*
  - *Necessary.*
    - *Jesus Himself commanded them:*
    - *“Tarry ye...until ye be endued with power from on high.”*

***The experience mattered.***

# ***The “Experience” is to be Repeated***

- ***Acts 2 - filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues***
- ***Acts 4 (Peter) - filled with the Holy Ghost spoke boldly before the council***
- ***Acts 4 - filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke the Word with boldness***
- ***Acts 6 (deacons) - FULL of the Holy Ghost and wisdom for service***
- ***Acts 7 (Stephen) - filled with the Holy Ghost and saw Jesus standing***
- ***Acts 11 (Barnabas) - Full of the Holy Ghost***
- ***Acts 13 (Paul) - Full of the Holy Ghost to confront Elymas the sorcerer***
- ***Acts 13 - the Disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost and joy***
- ***Ephesians 5:18 - ...be filled (keep on being continuously filled) with the Spirit***

## ***Changed in a moment — Transformed over time.***

- ***But Acts 2 was not merely about what happened TO them that day. It was about what happened IN them afterward.***
- ***The real testimony of Pentecost was not simply:***
  - ***What they felt,***
  - ***What they spoke,***
  - ***What they experienced in an upper room***

***The real testimony (witness) was the transformed lives they lived afterward - power to be witnesses***

# ***Still Being Changed***

- ***Spirit-filled believers still had things on which God continued to Work***
  - ***Peter had to be confronted by Paul (Gal. 2)***
  - ***The Church at Corinth struggled with carnality, immorality, division, the flesh***
  - ***The Church at Galatia struggled with legalism***
  - ***The Hebrew believers struggled with spiritual immaturity***
  - ***Paul himself wrote in Romans 7 of his struggle between the flesh and the Spirit***

***Pentecost did not instantly perfect them - It initiated a lifelong rebuilding process.***

## ***Filled in a Moment - Rebuilt Through a Process***

- ***The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not merely an experience to remember, but a life to walk in.***
- ***There is a difference between:***
  - ***Receiving the Spirit and walking in the Spirit.***
- ***There is a difference between:***
  - ***A moment of filling and a life of transformation.***

# ***The Anointing and the Yoke***

- ***Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.***
  - ***Mashach - Anoint; to smear with oil, to consecrate (Priests, prophets, kings, holy things, Christ the Messiah - the anointed one)***
  - ***Shemen - fat, fatness, richness, fat things***
- ***The ox's neck grows so fat that it breaks the yoke***
  - ***This occurs over time with proper care***

# ***Walls and Gates***

*Rebuilding the Soul with Nehemiah*

***Nehemiah 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.***

# ***The Revival of the Remnant (Ezra)***

- ***Ezra 3:2-11 – The people rebuilt the altar of God and resumed offering sacrifices***
  - ***Worship was restored***
    - ***The Israelites reestablished the appointed feasts, daily offerings, and regular patterns of worship according to God's Word.***
    - ***Priests and Levites praised the Lord with singing and thanksgiving, declaring that His mercy endures forever.***
- ***Ezra 6:16 – The temple was completed, the people dedicated the house of God with joy.***
  - ***Renewed fellowship and worship; restored spirits devoted to God.***
- ***Ezra 6:19-22 – The returned exiles celebrated Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread with great joy because the Lord had renewed and strengthened them.***
- ***Ezra 7:10 – Ezra prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, practice it, and teach it to others.***
  - ***Renewed devotion to God's Word. Worship restoration eventually leads to spiritual formation and transformed thinking.***

***Nehemiah 1:3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.***

# ***The Latter Condition of the Remnant***

- ***Affliction - distress, misery, injury, hurt, harm, woe, wretchedness***
- ***Reproach - disgrace, scorn, contempt, shame, taunting, exposed (autumn or winter season***
- ***WHY?***
- ***Nehemiah 1:3c the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.***

# ***A City Without Walls and Gates***

- ***A city without walls and gates has no:***
  - ***Order***
  - ***Authority***
  - ***Boundaries***
  - ***Security***
  - ***Identity***
  - ***Governance***

***A city without walls was exposed to anything that wanted to enter.***

***“He that hath no rule  
over his own spirit is  
like a city that is broken  
down, and without  
walls.” — Proverbs 25:28 KJV***

# ***A Soul Without Walls and Gates***

- ***A soul without walls and gates is vulnerable to:***
  - ***Fear and doubt***
  - ***Anxiety***
  - ***Despair***
  - ***Jealousy***
  - ***Lust***
  - ***Greed***
  - ***Bitterness***
  - ***Impulsiveness***
  - ***Addiction***
  - ***uncontrolled appetites***
  - ***Pride***
  - ***Discouragement***
  - ***Unstable emotions***
  - ***Obsessive thoughts***
  - ***Undisciplined speech***
  - ***Wavering faith***
  - ***Hopelessness***

# ***Nehemiah - the Comforter***

- ***Nehemiah - (neh-khem-YAH) - God comforts (comfort, ease, sigh with relief)***
  - ***Sent from the King - Neh. 2:5, 6***
  - ***Sent with Authority - Neh. 2:7***
  - ***Sent with Provision - Neh. 2:8***
  - ***Sent with Protection - Neh. 2:9***
  - ***Sent with Power - Neh. 2:8***

***Nehemiah's mission was not personal advancement but the restoration of a people whose walls and gates were broken and burned and whose lives were vulnerable. He came to help them restore, rebuild, and recover what had be broken.***

# **He Cares**

***Nehemiah 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven***

# ***God cares about spirit, soul and body***

- ***1 Thes. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Heb. 4:12)***
  - ***A high priest who can empathize with our weaknesses - Heb. 4:15***
  - ***Peace that will guard the heart and mind - Phil. 4:7***
  - ***Be in good health and prosper even as your souls prosper - 3 Jn. 2***
  - ***The punishment that secured our peace was laid upon Him - Is. 53:5***
  - ***By His stripes we are healed - Is. 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24***

***\*It's important, for reasons of faith, that we know, according to the Word, who He is. When we do, we can come to Him believing as diligent seekers who receive His reward. (Heb. 11:6)***

# **It begins with an honest assessment**

***Nehemiah 2:15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.  
16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.***

***\*The Holy Ghost already has your number!***

# **How will you respond?**

***Nehemiah 2:17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me...***

***And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.***