

Spirit Speak: A Holy Spirit Lectio Divina

Acts 2:1-4: Fiery Tongues and Open Hearts

Lectio Divina, or "Divine Reading," is an ancient practice of prayerful scripture reading intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It is a way of immersing oneself in the Scripture by pondering, listening and praying God's Word. Today, we will focus on Acts 2:1-4, a passage that describes the miraculous event of Pentecost.



Introduction

In Acts 2:1-4, we encounter the extraordinary moment when the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in various languages and marking the birth of the Church. This passage invites us to reflect on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and its significance for personal and communal faith. Through this Lectio Divina, we open our hearts to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Steps of Lectio Divina

1. Lectio (Reading)

Begin with a prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word. Read Acts 2:1-4 slowly. Let these words wash over you.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

2. Meditatio (Meditation)

This time as you read through Acts 2:1-4 we ask the Holy Spirit to emphasize one word or one phrase from the text. He will "highlight" this word or phrase for you as you meditate upon the passage.

3. Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest in God's presence, allowing the words of Scripture to marinate in your soul. This third time as you read the Acts 2:1-4 passage we ask the Holy Spirit to expand or elaborate on your word or phrase. He will explain more of what He is saying through your word. He may bring up another Scripture or a song or perhaps a memory. Often He gives a picture in your mind's eye. He will explain more to you about your word.

4. Actio (Action)

Consider how this meditation on Acts 2:1-4 calls you to act or change your behavior. Is there a specific action the Holy Spirit is prompting you to take? Is there an action you need to take? How will you carry your word into your life this week?

5. Prayer Close your session with a prayer of thanksgiving, praising God for the gift of His Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Ask for the grace to act on your word, attentive to His voice, responding with an open heart and mind.

May this Lectio Divina on Acts 2:1-4 enrich your walk with the Lord Jesus, drawing you closer to the heart of God through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.