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THE TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

THE SIGNS OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

A traffic controller is also known as a flag person, who is in the street flagging or signaling direction. The main role is to tell others to "stop," "slow down," or be safely guided through construction sites or difficult places.

We conclude this "Signs of Life" Sermon Series on Pentecost Sunday acknowledging that the Holy Spirit is a guide, *a traffic controller*. He gives direction, insight and helps us navigate through difficult spaces in our lives.

THIS WILL BE YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

FOUR FACTS ABOUT PENTECOST SUNDAY

- Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
- Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
- Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
- Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church."

*John 16:7-8 NIV - [7] But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8] When he comes, **he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin** and righteousness and judgment:*

- The Holy Spirit is the most important person on the earth.

*John 16:13-15 NIV - [13] But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.** [14] **He will glorify me** because it is from me that **he will receive what he will make known to you.** [15] All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will **make known to you.**"*

- There are things God wants to impart in our lives.

What causes you to fight impartation from God? After listening to today's sermon, how do you plan to yield to the Holy Spirit?

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES!

- **Prove the world** to be in the wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment

- **Guide you** into all the truth
- **Speak** only what he hears
- **Tell you** what is yet to come
- He **will glorify**
- **Make known to you** what he receives

Acts 2:1-4 NIV - [1] When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- Unity is the prerequisite for Pentecost.
- Anytime the Holy Spirit shows up something happens.
- The spirit of God enables you to say what needs to be said and do what cannot be done.

What areas/relationships in your life do you lack unity? What is your plan to create unity in those spaces?

GUIDES YOU TO THE NEED OF PEOPLE

*Acts 3:4-7 NIV - [4] Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” [5] So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. [6] Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” [7] **Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up,** and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.*

- God will lead and guide you to the needs of people and you must obey.
- The same God that delivered you is going to help you deliver someone.
- Don't enable people, empower them.

Who in your life are you enabling? How can you empower them to walk into their purpose?

GOD WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

SPEAKS TO YOU

*Acts 4:1-2 NIV - [1] The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John **while they were speaking to the people.** [2] They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.*

- God speaks to you through His Word, people, and circumstances.

- If it doesn't line up with the Word, it's not God.
- Nothing happens until something is spoken.

Acts 4:4 NIV - But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

Acts 4:7 NIV - They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

- You cannot be silent when God commands you to speak.
- Whatever you do, don't stop speaking what God gave you.
- You have the ability to change things and solve problems that others cannot comprehend.

Who or what is silencing your sound?

Acts 4:13 NIV - When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

- You don't need a title, you need power.
 - His super on your natural.
 - His Spirit on your skill.
 - His sound on your voice.

Recall a time in your life when you were expected to complete a task you felt unqualified to do. What happened? What spiritual lesson did you learn? How did it affect your faith?

GOD, WORD OUR MOUTHS. GIVE US POWER TO SPEAK.

TELLS YOU OF THINGS TO COME

PRESSURE

Acts 5:17-20 NIV - [17] Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. [18] They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. [19] But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. [20] “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

- What you have will make people jealous of you, but you can handle the pressure.
- Hold your peace and let God get you out of this tight situation.
- With more power comes more pressure, but pressure is how you get power.

- The Holy Ghost helps you handle the pressure. So, don't run from it.

What area of your life do you feel pressure? How are you handling the pressure?

ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO RELY ON HAS TO BE TESTED.

Acts 5:38-39 NIV - [38] Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. [39] But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

- You are unstoppable.
- God does not waste purpose.

What is your purpose?

Romans 8:14 NIV - For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

YOU'RE BUILT TO HANDLE THE PRESSURE.

QUESTION

Do you receive the power of God?

DECLARATION

I am unstoppable. The Holy Spirit guides me, speaks through me, and tells me what's coming.

PRAYER

Lord, You have given me the ability to control and change things by the words I speak out of my mouth. Give me the boldness, confidence, and wisdom to say what you tell me to say. Give me the courage to not let the enemy shut me down or silence my sound. Continue to speak to me and enable me to be wise in my communication with others. Give me the discernment to filter what I hear from others so that I do not fall prey to the enemy's tricks. Use me for Your glory, in Jesus' name, Amen!