

Pentecost, Pride & Prince – Pride Sunday – Negotiating a Pentecost Predicament

Acts 2: 1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Overview – In this 3rd Sunday of Pentecost. We started the month celebrating the life and prophetic witness of the artist Prince. Last week we leaned more deeply into Pentecost looking at the idea of what it means to be in a “Pentecost Predicament.” (1) Nothing in their past prepared them for this moment. (2) The resources required were far more than what they had. (3) They had no idea where to even start.

Exegesis –

- Post -pandemic, at this point in our development as a congregation, we are leaning in to understand what is next for us. With three questions
 - (1) Who are we supposed to make space for and how do we prepare?
 - (2) How can we open ourselves up for more spirit intervention?
 - (3) How will God’s work of Jubilee in this congregation manifest beyond our community?
- Pentecost moments happen when people are gathered, in one accord, ready to receive a Holy Spirit intervention
- When the personal and the collective align – just like Pride – doesn’t work if it is each person suffering alone – have to speak up and act up together

Key Points – Pentecost is About a Movement

1. Gathered – Pentecost is about movement not one individual, so people need to be together to receive together
2. On One Accord – Not that everyone is the same but there is alignment. Choosing to be the kind of body 1 Corinthians 12 talks about. Much less – who is the greatest energy!
3. Anticipating the Transformational – Not just sitting around waiting but seeking and anticipating – not trying to make up their own plans but also not just living their lives and hoping God will interrupt. God is going to do the miracles we have talked about dreamed about – we are ready for it.

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Reflections Questions

1. What space do you create for gathering with others to discern God’s will? Your small group? Prayer partner? Bible Study? Sunday service? Other space? Where can you commit to consistently gather with others in expectation of the Holy Spirit?
2. Where do you see yourself on one accord with others in the pursuit of jubilee? What can you do to get more aligned? Is there a need for more sharing? A need to work through the places of disagreement? A need to recognize and honor the different roles?
3. How are you cultivating more anticipation for Holy Spirit intervention? How are you getting excited about God’s vision? How are you letting go of your fears about change? How can you find more courage with a collective of folks?