



Here is how we can apply and cooperate with what God has already given us.

First, ask.

Jesus says in Luke chapter 11 that if you who are imperfect know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

The Spirit has been given.

But the fullness of the Spirit's work in our daily lives deepens as we continually ask, yield, and open ourselves to His leading. This is not a one-time transaction...It is an ongoing, living relationship.

Begin each morning with a simple and honest prayer: **Holy Spirit, I cannot navigate today on my own. Fill me. Lead me. Use me today for Your purposes.**

Second, expect God to work through ordinary people.

Every person in that room on the day of Pentecost was ordinary. None of them held positions of religious authority. None of them carried impressive credentials.

What they had was an encounter with the risen Jesus and an infilling of His Spirit. That is enough.

The Spirit consistently and deliberately chooses to work through people who have nothing impressive to offer except availability.

Do not wait until you feel qualified. The Spirit qualifies as He fills.

Third, learn to listen.

One of the very first things the Spirit did at Pentecost was speak through human voices in human languages.

The Spirit is not passive or silent. He speaks through the Word of God, through prayer, through the gentle prompting of your conscience, and through the community of believers surrounding you.

Practice paying attention. Slow down enough in the busyness of your day to actually hear what He is saying.

Fourth, remember that the Spirit is not only for Sunday mornings.

The 120 believers were not in a formal worship service when Pentecost broke out. They were in a house, praying together, living life with one another in ordinary space.

Your home, your workplace, your neighborhood, your kitchen table, your early morning commute, these are the places where the Spirit wants to work in and through you.

We do not gather as a church to contain the Spirit within these four walls. We gather to be filled, so that we can carry His presence back out into the world He loves.

The day of Pentecost is not a story about what God did once. It is the story of what God began that has never stopped.

The Spirit is still being poured out. He is still filling ordinary people. He is still reversing the divisions of Babel. He is still gathering the scattered back to the Father who loves them.

Let's not spend another day living as though we are still on our own.