

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost
Pentecost: The Spirit Poured Out

Are we trying to live the Christian life in our own strength, or are we relying on the power of the Holy Spirit?

“but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 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.” **John 16:5-7**

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.”
Isaiah 41:10

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.”
Ezekiel 36:26-27

God dwelling not just _____ His people, but _____ them.

1) The Spirit’s _____: _____ for the Mission

*“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:
“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:4-8

They were to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations
(**Matthew 28:19-20**).

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” **2 Timothy 1:7**

- Are we waiting on the Spirit’s power?
- Are we trying to do God’s work in our own strength?

I made the mistake of confusing _____ with _____.

2) The Spirit’s _____: Convicting and Transforming _____

“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

John 16:8-11

It was not by human _____, but by divine _____.

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:6

Our job is _____ – God’s job is _____.

- Are we truly open to the Spirit’s work in our lives?
- Are we ready to step forward in boldness, trusting in His power?