

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY 08.06.25

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE

*BEING [HEART], THINKING [MIND] & **DOING [BODY]***
[A PERSONAL REFLECTION]

Conviction of a Disciple:

A disciple loves their neighbour with words, works and wonders.

OVERVIEW

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is a gift—freely given, not earned. He fills us not for comfort but for commissioning, and He doesn't stop at filling—He leads, speaks, and sends. Throughout Acts, the Spirit guides ordinary believers into divine encounters and bold obedience. That same Spirit now empowers us to listen, follow, and witness with courage.

ACTION

Step 1: Reflect: Where have I experienced the Spirit's guidance—maybe even without realising it?

Step 2: Commit: Ask the Spirit to make you more aware of His voice and leading—through nudges, Scriptures, impressions, and godly counsel.

Step 3: Act: Create space this week to pause and ask, "Holy Spirit, what would You have me do?" Then, listen.

THOUGHT

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1: 7-8, 2:2-18, 4: 29-31

Pentecost wasn't a quiet moment of personal reflection, it was a holy disruption. A divine wind that filled the room, the people, and then flung them out into the streets, proclaiming the wonders of God in every language under heaven. It wasn't just a powerful day - it was a prophetic one.

Pentecost Sunday also fell within the Feast of Firstfruits, a celebration of harvest and the promise of more to come. On this day, 3,000 people were added to the Church! The firstfruits of a spiritual harvest that would ripple across the world.

It was also the day that, generations earlier, Moses came down Mount Sinai with the law. But now, Jesus had ascended, and the Spirit descended, not with stone tablets, but with fire on hearts.

This wasn't enhancement for people to cling to but it was empowerment. A wind that didn't just comfort, but commissioned those who were filled. A fire that didn't destroy, but set people alight. It was as if heaven whispered: This is what you were always meant to be. Bold. Sent. Spirit-filled witnesses.

The miracle wasn't just the tongues, the fire, or the sound - it was that every person heard the good news in their own language. It reversed Babel! It broke cultural superiority. And it built a Church where no tongue, tribe, or background was left out. It was a declaration: the Spirit of God is for everyone.

Too often we ask the Holy Spirit to enhance our lives, when He came to empower our witness. The first believers didn't pray for easier circumstances. they prayed for boldness (Acts 4). And boldness came. That trembling, stammering courage that says, "Even if I'm afraid, I'll still speak."

What if we prayed like that again? What if Pentecost wasn't a moment we remember, but a fire we rekindled?

DISCUSSION

[A GROUP REFLECTION]

1. What do you think it means that the Holy Spirit is not just a comforter, but a leader and sender?
2. Can you identify a moment in your life where you sensed the Spirit prompting you to act, speak, or go?
3. How can we grow more sensitive to the Spirit's leading in our daily lives?
4. The Church in Acts listened, waited, and followed the Spirit. How can we create rhythms that allow space for that today?
5. Empowered by the Spirit, how can I be bold this week?

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, come.

Make us bold believers.

Fall on us afresh, not only to comfort us, but to commission us. Burn away fear and ignite boldness.

Thank you for being the gift we did not earn, but so desperately need. Just like on Pentecost, fill us again today.

Amen.