

## “Have Your Hat Ready”

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Recently, while The Sojourner and I were at a conference, I was passing through a crowded room and a lady stopped me and started a conversation.

I was not a speaker at the conference, nor was I there promoting a book or anything of the like. I was just a member of “the crowd” that was in attendance, so why would she start conversing with me?

Well, that day I was wearing a hat and this lady, who also wears and enjoys hats, had to comment about mine. Our conversation about hats quickly moved to a discussion about what the Lord is doing in and through Sojourner’s World Hub and to other ministry topics. The Sojourner and I were glad that this encounter took place. It all started because I wore a hat.

Throughout scripture we see instances of people doing what they would initially see as something they ordinarily do, but on that specific day our Heavenly Father used that ordinary item or occurrence for an extraordinary purpose. For example, one day a mother gave her son 5 loaves

and 2 fish, little knowing that what she intended to feed her son for the day would be used by God as the seed to feed 5000.<sup>[a]</sup>

Notes:

[a] John 6:5-14

[b] Luke 2:8-20

[c] 2 Tim. 4:2 NIV

Also, one seemingly ordinary night a group of shepherds watched their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem when suddenly an angel appeared to them and announced the birth of the Christ Child.<sup>[b]</sup>

Now some of these extraordinarily used “ordinary” instances that happen in your life may have immediate and obvious implications and results. Others may not seem, initially, like an encounter God used. You may not know how God used what you consider ordinary for years, if ever so please, heed this verse: “...be prepared in season and out of season...”<sup>[c]</sup>, and have your “hat” ready, you never know when the Lord will use it!

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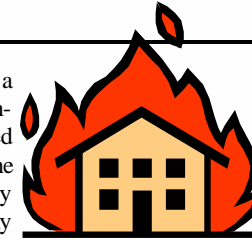
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## “Pentecost Resurrected!” (Teaching Sketch)

Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)



The Apostle Luke being a man of medicine, a scientist, was a man who needed solid evidence before he would stamp his credibility on a matter. Luke certainly managed to do this in his historical rendering, the Book of Acts of The Apostle.

We will now peel to a layer of this onion beyond the obvious story to the hidden story, the secrets of The Kingdom. It is the glory of kings to search out a matter.<sup>[1]</sup>

So many people, those who call themselves Christian and those who do not, seem unwilling to search out the matter of Pentecost and how what happened then continues today. They choose to rely on their own understanding as the world relies on its own understanding.

Having little or no understanding of history they conclude the miraculous manifestations died out after the first century, because they see little evidence of the reality of Pentecost power as was witnessed that day in Jerusalem.

This false line of thinking, un-

fortunately, leads to each person freelancing on the understanding of the Holy Spirit.

The result of this has become those who call themselves “true” Christians agreeing with the crowd that day in Jerusalem, “They have had too much wine.” Note this opinion came from those who had not experienced the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit themselves. Many people have heard me often say, “A person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument.” Well, the people who miscalculated the events back then and now only had or have an argument. They have not searched out a matter.

### In The Last Days

When the story is told to the person who does not believe, they are given hope for themselves to place their trust in Jesus Christ and be saved, healed, delivered, and preserved, (which is the meaning of the original Greek word “sozo” used, which was translated “saved.”) Notice the very word itself shows the power of God.

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

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

<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

<sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own

### Notes:

[a]  
Or languages;  
also in  
verse 11

[b]  
Or sweet  
wine  
with God

language. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"

<sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup>Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."<sup>[b]</sup>

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (Offerings are placed in the basket at this time)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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Paul wrote in Romans 15:18-19: "I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ."

Paul said he "fully proclaimed" all there is in Christ.

Yes, a new Believer may have the Holy Spirit in them but may never have experienced the power that only comes through a Pentecost experience.

This is the reason so many Believers live lives as victims rather than victors. Even many who claim to have had a Pentecost experience do not practice drawing upon it because they have not remained in, or ever had their minds renewed in, a Biblical world view and understanding. The Holy Spirit is given by the asking, in faith, to be filled with the Holy Spirit's power.

It is important to remember that when the Spirit came, power came to them because they were where Christ told them to remain until it happened. This again was on a feast day. The

day of Pentecost.

### Resurrecting Pentecost

We now live in a time when we need to heed the words of the prophets and recognize that these are the days of power being thrust back into all believers who will accept God flowing through them in power to demonstrate the truth of God's Word to a lost, floundering, and dying world. These days are the days foretold long ago.

Believer, if you are not drawing on the power of the Holy Spirit either because you have never experienced the infilling or have ignored the Spirit's power available to you, take action immediately.

We must not be slow of heart in this hour for we have more scripture to understand and function in than the first century church.

Back then, 2000 years ago, people accepted the Spirit as a given. Pentecost power was readily seen and sought in the Body of Christ for all who were not slow of heart to function in the Word and receive it. Today is no different! The Holy Spirit is still revealing and demonstrating this truth. Believers, you are not victims, but victors!