



Dear Child of God,

That's you! YOU are a child of God! Think about how much you love and treasure your children, grandchildren, and other beloved little ones in your life. You want to encourage their good traits, funnel their energy toward great things, and call them on to be the saints God has created them to be. God feels that way about YOU! He wants to lavish His love and blessings upon you and call you on to be a mighty force for Him!

Brothers and sisters, YOU are needed and vital in our Covenant family! The Holy Spirit has been working on each of us as we have been preparing for His fire to fall upon us this Pentecost. We have worked to stretch our charismatic muscles, to let go of things that are holding us back, and seek openness to new gifts and ways of using our gifts. Sunday is the day! It is time for the fire to fall!

This week our video is a reflection. It is a tool to draw us into the power that fell on Pentecost! A power that converted thousands! Pentecost is Sunday. That same power is available to us today, to ignite and transforms our faith in incredible ways!

God desires to renew His gifts of the Holy Spirit in you and me; gifts that are needed to witness to and win hearts in today's world. Sunday we will have an opportunity to do just that! With great anticipation, we invite those of you who can join us to come to a special Pentecost prayer meeting! We will begin with a Spirit-filled time of praise and worship to lead us into praying for a re-outpouring of gifts for our Community as a whole and also for each of us individually. At Pentecost it was proclaimed "... you will fill me with joy in Your presence (Acts 2:28)." Come join us Sunday to be refreshed and filled with His joy! COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Week 6 video: [Pentecost](#)

Personal Challenge: Let's finish strong! We have a double header on the challenge front this week. 2 Chronicles 15:7 says "but as for you, Be Strong and Do Not give up for your work Will Be Rewarded." Your first challenge is to not give up on a challenge you forgot to do, chose not to, or perhaps struggled, and so stopped short of finishing. If you have completed all the challenges, congratulations! Pray on which challenge called you on the most and which one was the hardest for you to complete. Why might that be?

Secondly, spend time praying about what you are holding on to that God wants to renew in you. Sunday is the big day, the Holy Spirit is ready to shower you with His gifts that are needed for today's world to boldly and powerfully be the hands and feet of Christ! Are you ready?

"Family" Challenge:

Let's see a visual of what can come from one "Yes" to the Holy Spirit working through us! We have an activity this week called, Fire. It is essentially tag with post-it notes.

Needed: post-its (or something similar) and timer

Choose one person to be the “Fire Starter” and give that person a large enough supply of “fire” aka the post-it notes, paper with tape, whatever you have on hand for each person playing.

When you say “Go” begin the timer. Everyone will run around and the fire starter will try to tag each person with “fire” (post-its). When everyone has been tagged the round ends and you stop the timer. Collect the “fire” stickers to use again in round two.

For round two, add a ‘Fire Station’ which is simply a place where more “fire” stickers are located. When the Fire Starter tags someone with the “fire” each newly tagged person goes to the fire station and picks up a stack of “fire” stickers and also joins in tagging others with “fire”. Once everyone has been tagged stop the timer.

Compare the times with only one “fire starter” versus adding “fire starters” each time someone was tagged. Which way was faster? How does this mimic sharing our faith with others?

When we are open to sharing the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us, it is so much faster for Him to set others’ hearts on fire!

*Alternate stationary “family” challenge. Discuss with your “family” who were the “fire starters” and who/what are the “fire stations” in your life.

Blessings,
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