



Brothers and sisters,

Welcome to week one of the **Let the Fire Fall Challenge!** As we begin to come out of this pandemic desert, let's prepare our hearts for the Holy Spirit to revive us this Pentecost! For the next 6 weeks leading up to Pentecost, the coordinators have agreed for me, Laura Dorsey, to lead our charge by sending out a weekly exhortation and challenge. Our prayer is that we prepare our hearts for a powerful Pentecost by stretching our *charismatic muscles* to grow closer as a covenant community. This week we want to reflect on our witness.

To help you have a clearer idea of the **Let the Fire Fall Challenge** and week one's message, let's begin by watching the following video:

<https://vimeo.com/535923682>

As we heard in Sunday's first reading, "With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus..." (Acts 4:33), their witness was not meek, casual, nor lukewarm, but had "great power!" As I shared in the intro video, the way they lived out their faith is a perfect example of the lamb chop evangelization from the book *The Cross and the Switchblade!* The witness of the apostles was enticing and irresistible! Let us ask ourselves what does our "lamb chop", everyday witness, look like?

Each week, during this **Challenge**, I will share two challenges...the first is one that we are encouraged to take up individually. The second will be one that we are encouraged to do together as a "family". I am using the term family loosely as our family might be a small group within Community or a few close friends or prayer partners that we regularly share our lives with. Regardless of your living situation, try to engage in these activities to the

best of your ability so that the Holy Spirit can prepare us for a special outpouring this Pentecost.

**Personal Challenge** – What does your "lamb chop" look like? This week spend some time each day talking with and listening to God about how you can make your "lamb chop", everyday witness, more desirable and enticing for Him to use. When He shows you some changes to make, go for it!

**"Family" Challenge** – Time for a family face off! Each person will take turns thinking of an expression and communicating it to the rest of the group, only using facial expressions. You could be excited, pensive, nervous, any emotion you'd like to pick, but you can only use your face to communicate it. The rest of the group will guess what emotion you picked.

Were you surprised by how much your facial expressions could communicate? Our faces are a powerful tool for God! He can use our smile to cheer up someone we pass when we're out walking. Or the twinkle in our eye to brighten the day of someone we pass in the aisle of the grocery store. **This week, practice spreading joy to others by being a subtle evangelist for God with your SMILE!**

Blessings,  
Laura Dorsey