

COME OUT OF THE HOUSE

Acts of the Apostles 2:1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.:2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.:3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.:4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.:5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.:6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.:7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee,:8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! :9 Here we are — Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, :10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, vis from Rome :11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”:12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

2:40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” :41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day— about 3,000 in all.

INTRODUCTION

WHY WOULD GOD ALLOW THE CHURCH TO STRUGGLE AS WE HAVE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS? IS THERE A PURPOSE IN OUR SUFFERING?

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening— it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.:12 So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees.:13 Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

- 1. DID WE BECOME TOO FAMILIAR WITH WORSHIP?**
- 2. DID WE BECOME TOO FIXATED ON BUILDINGS?**
- 3. DID WE BECOME TOO FULFILLED IN THE HOUSE?**

TODAY I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT I BELIEVE IS THE GREATEST ISSUE IN CHURCH FOR OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS. FULFILLMENT BY JUST COMING TO CHURCH. GOD HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET US OUT OF THE HOUSE AND HE ALLOWED COVID TO DO WHAT HIS WORD HAD NOT DONE - FORCE US OUT.

1. SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN INSIDE THE HOUSE

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1 Corinthians 6:19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 6:20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

- AN OUTPOURING MUST BE EVIDENT

WHEN THERE IS FIRE IN THE HOUSE THERE WILL BE FIRE IN THE HOUSE!!!

2. SOMETHING IN THE HOUSE MUST SPILL OUT OF THE HOUSE

- THEY RAN TO THE HOUSE.

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Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.:29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.:30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

John 6:37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.

Psalm 31.1,2

1-2 I run to you, God; I run for dear life.

Don't let me down!

Take me seriously this time!

**Get down on my level and listen,
and please—no procrastination!**

Luke 15:20 “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

3. THE INSIDE MESSAGE MUST BE CLEAR OUTSIDE

- GOD HAS A PLAN TO GIVE EVERY WOMAN AND MAN A WORD!

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

- GOD SENT JESUS TO DIE TO RESTORE US TO DIVINE PURPOSE

John 12:24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

John 12:25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

- THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS WILL PUT A WORD OF LIFE IN YOUR MOUTH!

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.