

MSG: WE NEED YOU

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-4

SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH REASON

Acts of the Apostles 1:3-8 NLT

“During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.””

ACTS 2:1-4 NLT

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

PENTECOST-

properly *fiftieth*, referring to the festival of *Pentecost* – a *one day* festival celebrated at the end of the barley harvest. This was a joyous time of giving great thanks to God.

[The workers could only spare one day at this season of the year because the wheat harvest was already in process.]

This is a major Jewish harvest party—also called *Shavu’ot*, or the Feast of Weeks—that happened 50 days after Passover. It is one of three main festivals that brought hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to Jerusalem for a big celebration.

In the Hebrew Bible, mysterious windstorms with fire or lightning are consistently associated with two things: God’s presence and the formation of a temple
Yahweh becomes present to Moses, through the fire of a burning shrub called the Senegalese Tree-which sounds a lot like “Sinai” and foreshadows what happens there later). In that famous scene, God speaks in Moses’ own language and tells him he’s standing on holy ground, implying this place is like a temple. And then God promises to empower Moses to help him set Israel free from oppression (Exod. 3).

Pentecost Sunday happens 50 days after Easter, and it celebrates the beginning of the Church.

GOD DID MOVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH FIRE

1. WE NEED YOU HOLY SPIRIT TO WORK IN US

ACTS 1:4-5 NLT

“Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.””

THE HOLY REGENERATES US

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN US

THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES US

2. WE NEED YOU HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK TO US

John 16:13 NLT

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US IN TRUTH

-He's our teacher

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS US OF SIN

3. WE NEED YOU HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US

John 15:26 NLT

“But I will send you the Advocate —the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.”

PARAKLETOS - one who is called to help

Parakletos is a Greek word meaning "called alongside" or "one who is called to one's side". It literally means "one who is called to help"

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS US

We boast because what God DID

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US

Acts 1:8 NLT

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2:38, 41 NLT

“Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.”

**THE CHURCH IS BIRTHED,
THE BODY GROWS**

Romans 5:5 NLT

“And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

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