

Experiencing God's Presence and Power in Living Pentecosted, June 6-9

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger "iron sharpening iron" relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV) ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Spent a lot of time learning about being and living Pentecosted...

It's a big deal

It's a choice – at initial filling and subsequent refillings by choosing to walk every step in step

It's evidence is 1. BEING like Jesus (character) - the Fruit of the Spirit

2. DOING like Jesus (behavior) – living the power, love and self-control in the assignment of pointing to Christ as salt, light, aroma, pipelines, etc

It's purpose is restoration of relationship with God that leads to partnership with God to accomplish His assignments to point people to Christ as salt, light, aroma, pipelines in WHO we are and WHAT we do

† Pictures of being Pentecosted

Truth Check:

- Testimonies are not scripture, but, if illustrating scripture, are legitimate and a Biblical way of learning - but ONLY if the testimony points to God and His Truth.
- Stories, analogies, parables, illustrations are not scripture, but are legitimate & Biblical ways of learning - but ONLY if they point to God and His Truth.
- Actively look for Bible verses to define, describe, or even dispute experiences, then speak them:
"You just experienced (name scripture)." This anchors us to Christ and is a weapon against the enemy.

Psalm 139 (ESV) A Psalm of David.

➤ Herb's personal experiences

Notice how Spirit fillings always equip to serve God and His purposes, but bring RSU benefits

IMPORTANT: transformation is growth from one level of Christ-like maturity to another that never ends

Every level prepares us for and nudges to the next level of BEING and DOING.

Every level increases our FRUITYNESS and our ability to hear, see, act

➤ Pictures from the Chronicles of Narnia, "Prince Caspian," chapters 10-11

Notice how the scenes in the story bring to life Bible Truth. THAT is what impacts soul deep.

God speaking through "Prince Caspian" to Herb on the trail.

1 "Every year you grow you will find Me bigger"

2 "You have work"

3 "I *couldn't have left the others and come up to you ALONE*, how could I? (Aslan just looks at her) ... I suppose I could."

4 "but what would have been the good?"

5 "No one is ever told what would have happened" When Lucy asks what would have happened. Then asks about what *will* happen, "There is only one way of finding out."

6. Lucy, "will the others see You too?" Aslan, "*Certainly not at first.*" "But they won't believe me." "*It doesn't matter*"

7. Lucy, "I thought You'd come roaring in and frighten all the enemies away like last time" = (desire for easy answers) Aslan: "But things never happen the same way twice. It has *been hard for us all.*"

8 Lucy buries her face in Aslan's mane – must have been magic in it,
"*She could feel the lion-strength going into her.* 'I'm sorry, Aslan. I'm ready now. Aslan: "*now you are a lioness, and now all Narnia will be renewed. But come. We have no time to lose.*"

9 "It's a terrible thing to have to wake four people... for the purpose of telling them something they probably won't believe and making them do something they certainly won't like. *I musn't think about it, I must just do it.*"

10 Susan admitting that she thought Aslan was present ... didn't want to follow but just get out of the woods... ashamed, "what ever am I to say to Him?" ...
Aslan to Susan, "you have listened to fears, child. Come let me *breathe* on you." Then *Aslan breathed on her*, "Forget them. *Are you brave again?*"

John 20:22 (ESV) ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:12–18 (ESV)

6. Questions, clarifications?

Takeaways...



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