50 DAYS OF PENTECOST

MONDAY, APRIL 9 - SUNDAY, MAY 27

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

Acts 2:1-2

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Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Once again it is time for us to embark upon the Road to Pentecost. Over the next 50 days, the Holy Spirit will take us on a journey that leads to an incredible encounter on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012. Remember, the journey is more important than the destination.

I encourage you to open yourself up and allow the power of the Lord access to every part of your mind, so that He can bring change to your spirit, soul and body. As you set aside consecrated time with Him, He will give illumination and impartation in ways beyond your imagination.

Our journey will lead us along the paths of love, forgiveness, unity, worship, witness, discipleship and maturity. Please follow along in this devotional so that we can all grow together on one accord and experience the signs, wonders and miracles that God has designed for us.

Amazed By His Grace!

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Pentecost Journey

PRAYER FOCUS WEEK ONE

THEME: THE POWER OF ONE DEMONSTRATED IN LOVE AND NOT CONDEMNATION

Our Father in heaven is love. We know from the Word of God that we can sacrifice our bodies; however, if we don't have love this sacrificial act is not beneficial. Love is patient, kind, longsuffering, does not envy, does not boast, is not proud, does not behave rudely, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love covers a great amount of sins. God loved us so much that He gave His only Son so that we would not perish, but have everlasting life. We must give people that are in bondage hope by being vessels of God’s love. We must remember all of the characteristics of love as we express God’s love to people and advance God’s Kingdom.

Day One
Scripture: I John 4:7, 8
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Prayer: We declare that we will show the love of God, which was poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and prove that we know God. Lord we thank you that as we yield to your Spirit that you will help us to be vessels of your love. We will strive to show all of your characteristics of love with all people, because we remember the love of God extended to us before we received Christ. We are thankful that the world will see that we love You and people by our actions. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Day Two
Scripture: James 4:11,12
Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?
**Prayer:** Lord we declare that we will not judge each other by speaking evil of one another. We will remember to speak hope and life to everyone we encounter. We will remember that death and life are in our tongues, and we choose to speak life over all people. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Day Three**  
Scripture: John 13:35  
*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

**Prayer:** We declare that the world will know us when they see the love that we have for one another. The love of God will be visibly expressed for the entire world to see as we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. We will not make love an option, because our unity in the body of Christ is not an option. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

**Day Four**  
Scripture: John 3:17,18  
*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

**Prayer:** Jesus we thank you that we are not condemned because we believe in you. Whom the Son of God has set free is free indeed. We rest in knowing that the blood of Jesus has covered all of our sins and the Holy Spirit is working on those areas in our lives that are not perfect. Lord we thank you that if we confess our sins that we are forgiven and not condemned. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Day Five**

Scripture: 1 John 4:20  
*If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*
Prayer: We declare that we will love our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we love you who we cannot see, we commit ourselves to loving our brethren who we can see. Thank you Lord for aligning us with your ability to love others unconditionally, even those whom we find hard to love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Day Six
Scripture: Galatians 6:1
Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Prayer: We declare that we shall show love by restoring our brothers and sisters who are overtaken in any trespass and will not be judgmental, but will be mindful that we could find ourselves in a similar temptation. We put ourselves in their shoes and choose to treat them the way that we would want to be treated. We commit to ministering to and restoring our sisters and brothers. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Day Seven
Scripture: 1 John 4:10-12
In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

Prayer: We declare that we will love one another, because God loved us. Our love will be unconditional towards people knowing that we did not love God first, but because God loved us first, He sent His Son to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. We thank you Lord that as we are consumed with your love, a natural overflow will be poured out on others. In Jesus name we pray Amen.