

## SHARING YOUR FAITH RELIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 24:45-49

John 15:26-27

Acts 1:4-5

Acts 2:1-41

Acts 10:44-48

### Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What is Pentecost?
- How do you explain the work the Holy Spirit does?

Jesus promised to send his Holy Spirit after he returned to heaven. On Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in one place and the Holy Spirit came upon them and filled them. The disciples shared the message of salvation that day and 3,000 people who heard it believed in Jesus. With the power of the Holy Spirit, evangelism in the early church began to take off. Together, let's study the biblical events of Pentecost, learn about the power and work of the Holy Spirit, and discuss what the Holy Spirit's power continues to mean for each of us as we share our faith today.

**Listen:** [\*Sharing Your Faith Relies on the Holy Spirit\*](#)

### Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Why is it significant that the Holy Spirit was always part of God's plan and not a plan B or a response to the disciples' failure?
- In segment 1, host Darrell Delaney identifies four ways the Holy Spirit empowers us to talk about our faith and share our witness: he gives us 1) power, 2) strength, 3) boldness and courage, and 4 ) fortitude and "stick-to-it-iveness." Can you identify a time when the Holy Spirit clearly empowered you in one of these ways? Which empowerment would you like the Spirit to give you more of?
- In segment 2, host Scott Hoezee and Darrell discuss the Apostle Peter. What in Peter's story—from his fearful denial of Jesus to his sermon at Pentecost—encourages you the most?
- As you listened and studied the story of Pentecost again, what is one new thing you learned, or what did you notice the Holy Spirit highlighting or emphasizing for you this time?

### Related Passages

- **1 Corinthians 12:1-31**
- **Galatians 5:22-25**
- **Genesis 11:1-9**
- **Joel 2:28-32**
- **Zechariah 4:6**
- **2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

## **Conclusion**

Are there any relationships or places in which you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to talk about your experience with God and faith? Remember what Darrell said in segment 3, “God is into using regular, ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and we can trust that God will use his Holy Spirit, who is supernatural and extraordinary, to work through our regular words to help people.”

Think about your response to the second question in the above Reflection section and pray about it. Pray about your fears, ask for what you feel you need, and ask God to make you a vessel, a conduit by which his glory may work. Close your time of reflection and prayer by reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15.

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