

FILLED FOR HIS GLORY

A 10-day devotional in
preparation for Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

“Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit”

Zechariah 4:6

Pentecost is a “movable feast” of the church. The word “pentecost” comes from Greek, and means “fiftieth day.” Like Easter, Pentecost occurs on a different date each year, the fiftieth day after Easter.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Pentecost was celebrated in connection with the harvest and, later, with the giving of the law on Mount Sinai (the Ten Commandments). With the Christian celebration of Pentecost, the freedom Jesus gives us through the Spirit is contrasted with the old life under the law.

During Pentecost, we in the church focus on Christ’s resurrection, his many appearances to his followers, and then on his ascension. With Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the presence of the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings life to the church. From that first Pentecost the church grew out from Jerusalem into all the world. The Holy Spirit is part of God from the beginning, before creation.

Our church, World Revival Prayer Fellowship, was birthed out of this same movement of the Holy Spirit amongst the founding members of the church; many were convicted, came to Christ, were baptised, and experienced breakthroughs in their lives. In the same way, we pray that you embark on these 10 days with an earnest expectation for the Holy Spirit’s outpouring in your life, and may you emerge with a deeper sense of the closeness of Jesus Christ, and greater joy of His word and will worked out in you by His power!

O God of wind and fire, we praise Your name.
Send the strength of Your Holy Spirit on your church today.

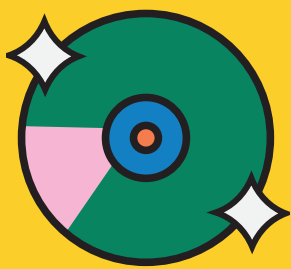
Amen.

MAKING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR DEVOTIONAL TIME

Suggestions on how to spend the next 10 days in prayer



Choose a fixed time and find a quiet place where you will not be distracted.



Begin your time with a short time of silence and a hymn/song to prepare your heart for receiving the word of God.

If you would like, we have indicated opening or closing songs to accompany the devotionals; the songs have been arranged in the playlist:

[WRPF Pentecostal Devotional Playlist](#)
on  Spotify



Take your time in meditating on the truth contained in the scripture passage. You may keep your mind on the passage you have read, meditating on His word throughout the day.



Make a sincere commitment to the Lord, and spend some time in prayer. Feel free to modify the prayer statement we have provided.



If you are particularly touched by an aspect of the devotional that day, journal your insights and try to share them with at least one person/your cell.

DAY 1

Thursday 13 May 2021

LISTEN, AND DELIGHT

Psalm 40:6-8



3 MINUTES OF SILENCE



SONG OF PREPARATION

COLLIN RAYE - HERE I AM, LORD

**⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**

**⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

**⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”**



For further reading: [Psalm 40](#)

In this Psalm of 17 verses, David gives thanks how God has delivered him from the ‘pit’, or his enemies. He is grateful to God for giving him a new lease on life. In verses 6-8, David turns his attention to the essence of true religion.

Certainly, David knew that God accepted and even commanded certain physical sacrifices under the Old Testament law. However, David has enough wisdom to understand that God looks at the worshiper’s heart and not simply at his sacrifices and offerings. He reflects on that it means to be a true worshipper of God: one who has an open ear, and who delights in doing His will.



A person whose ears are open is not deaf to the whispers of Holy Spirit. His ears are not blocked with the gunk and wax of worldly pursuits, spiritual indifference and carnal distractions such that the divine whisper is no longer audible to him. Verse 6 translates idiomatically the Hebrew figure of speech “you have dug out” my ears. God is the one who prepares and opens our ears that we may hear him, our role is to keep listening and delighting in His ways.



Examine how ‘open’ your ears are to God’s word today. The Holy Spirit desires to do something new in you - are you ready? How can you prepare your heart in alignment to the Holy Spirit’s desires?

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[For your notes]

PRAYER



Our heavenly Father, search my heart today by Your Spirit. Give me the grace to slow down, to pause and tune in to the Holy Spirit’s whispers. Give me the humility to listen to what may be difficult to accept, and the courage to obey your will.

