



## Meditation #15

### *Pentecost 2009*

In Celebration of the Spirit:  
Stretching Out in Expectation of the Overflow!  
Acts 2

## “No Deals!”

“...that all things must be fulfilled...concerning me.”

Luke 24: 44

Jesus was persistent.....continual in course  
Jesus was consistent.....systematic in action  
Jesus was insistent.....unwavering in demand or request

Of top priority for the Savior was that he finished the course set before Him by His Father so that “all things” would be fulfilled. Check the text. This was a **MUST** for Jesus. He had used this word in another place on another occasion about fifteen to twenty years earlier when only 12 years old. Remember, He told His momma and daddy, “I **must** be about my Father’s business.” Jesus was clear about edicts which had ensued from the Heavenly council and that had such far-reaching implications that they were non-negotiable. The wisdom and mind of God had so fixed that in Jesus’ life He would suffer and die and arise, this was a must for Him.

All of us should have non-negotiables. Non-negotiables are those choices, directions, and directives which are so fixed by God’s wisdom and sovereignty that we are persistent, consistent, and insistent in our pursuit of them. These non-negotiables represent the actions in life and ministry that are necessary to fulfill God’s intention for our lives. The deeper we go in the Spirit the freer we become to stretch out for God’s best and better plans and purposes. The deeper we go in the Spirit the more rigid we become with conditions which prohibit, hinder, or harm the details of God’s counsel being fulfilled.

Every believer should have, like Jesus had, a list of “**MUSTS**” that you are passionate, zealous, and unwavering in doing because somehow you have discerned that there is so much at stake you can’t afford to negotiate. Beware of deal-makers who approach you to try and get you to compromise your mission, your God-ordained course, your pathway to blessings fulfilled. Know at all times what you **MUST** do. The greater awaits. No deals!

**Pray this:**

**Lord, I dare not settle for less than the fulfillment of what you have decided concerning me. So then, order me Lord. Cause me to hear you clearly. Grant me strength and courage to follow and comfort and care as I step in and out.**