



## Meditation #20

### *Pentecost 2009*

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

Acts 2

**“U2”**

**“But you shall receive power...”**

Daily life in our culture is marked by the requirement to compete. The competition ethic is rampant in the free market economy, in the job market, in the classroom, in the political world, in the church, and unfortunately, even in the journey and search for meaningful, authentic relationships. American society has embraced the competition ethic to the extent that in all facets of life there are winners and losers. Winners receive great esteem and accolade. Losers go largely unnoticed and unrewarded. Our obsession with competition creates a context for excluding some and admitting others to the reward of sought after needs or desires.

But thank God that our Heavenly Father does not show partiality when it comes to His benefits and blessings. We do not receive from God based upon our ability to excel beyond someone else's skill or intellect. We receive from God the blessings we need and desire based His promise through the Savior: “You shall receive power.”

If you have been excluded, locked out, left out, or counted out, it is of no lasting consequence in light of your standing before the Maker and Creator of the universe. If God be for you, who can dare be against you? If God has so intricately woven blessing into the fabric of you life (and He has) who possesses authority or right to destroy it or prevent it? No one! Hear this the Lord's Beloved, you have been chosen and included by God for great blessing! What God has done for others He can do for you...and then some! You too are an heir of God through Christ. You too have reserved and stored blessings with your name on them. You too are included. There is much that U2 shall receive.

**Pray this:**

**“Thank you God for including me in your great plan of blessing. I am so joyful that you have remembered me. I praise you in advance for the outpouring of your gifts upon my life beginning with the Holy Spirit, gifts that saturate my life through and through.**