



Meditation #24

Pentecost 2009

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

Acts 2

A Voice of Power

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up His voice...”

They were in the right place at the right time. They had remained obedient to the command of Jesus to wait in Jerusalem for what He had promised. They kept true to their faith and were steadfast in prayer, study, worship, and fellowship. They wavered not. They endured. And their faithfulness was rewarded. They obtained the promise and were used by God to do a new thing which was:

To be the initial recipients of the Heavenly outpouring of the Spirit
and
To birth the church which we are now apart!

Yet, in all of their obedience, faithfulness, and reward there were those who did not understand, embrace, or appreciate what God was doing in their midst. This is a lesson for those of us who strive to remain steadfast on God’s mission. There will be those who misunderstand your mission, criticize your convictions, attack your tactics, and try to stall your strivings. But no one can abort what God has blessed and ordained as long as you remain faithful.

Peter arose filled with Holy Spirit. He lifted his voice with a power that swept away the spirit of doubt and fear and confusion. One voice filled with the power of the Spirit transformed the hesitant crowd into a modern day residence for a mega-church as the Bible declares that 3,000 souls came running for salvation and the Good News that Christ brings to the world.

You too have a voice of power. Let your voice today empower you and those around you. Speak, whisper, or proclaim love and blessing and peace and hope and renewal and promise and fulfillment and watch the atmosphere change on your behalf.

Pray this:

Heavenly Father, I recognize the power of my voice to transform the environment in which I live, work and minister. By your Spirit, lift my voice to bring the empowerment, blessing, hope, and peace that you have purposed for me and the people all around me.