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# Scripture Lesson

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he **breathed** on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.""

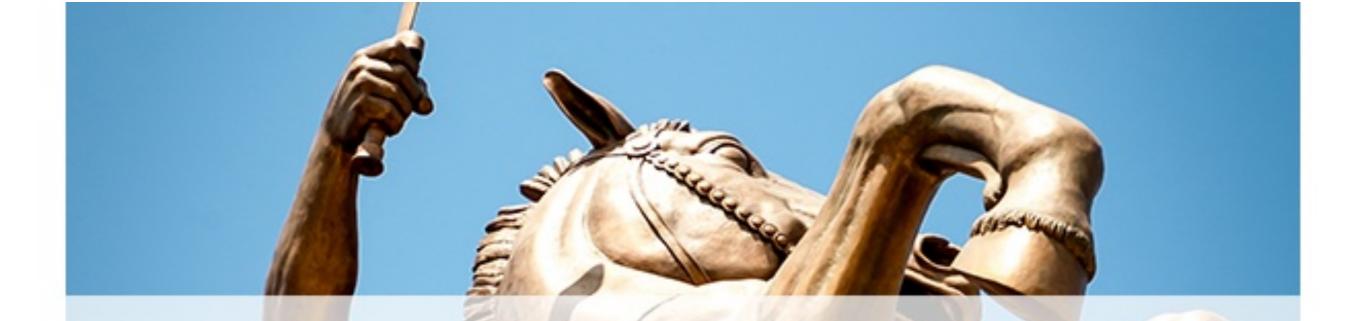
John 20:21-23 NRSV



# Scripture Lesson

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." -Acts 2:1-4 NRSV





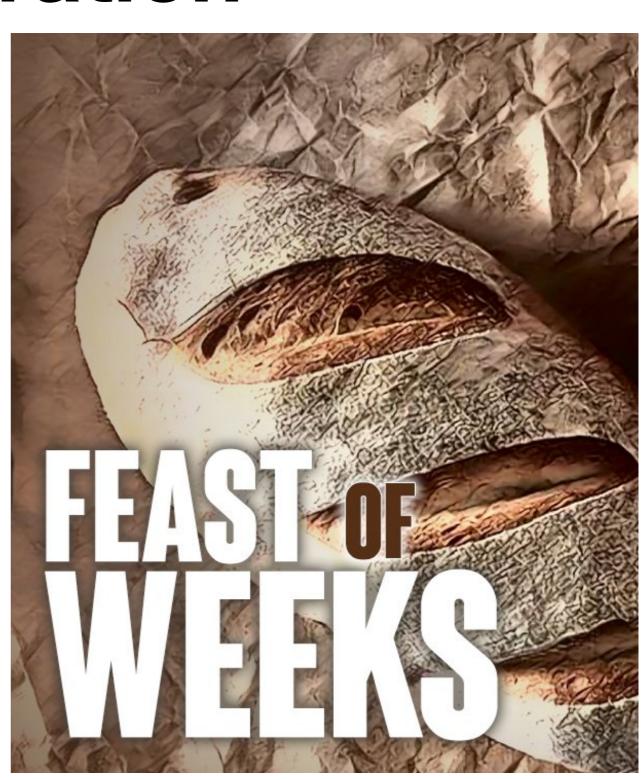
#### BE NOT AFRAID OF GREATNESS: SOME ARE BORN GREAT, SOME ACHIEVE GREATNESS, AND SOME HAVE GREATNESS THRUST UPON THEM.

- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

#### Pentecost: A Moment of Preparation

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the festival of unleavened bread, at the festival of weeks, and at the festival of booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed;"

-Deuteronomy 16:16 NRSV



### Laying a Foundation

Three times a year they appeared: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles.

This was a time of CELEBRATION.

They were coming to CELEBRATE, and the Spirit of God was coming for them to CONGREGATE.

God always has an ace up his sleeve. 🎤

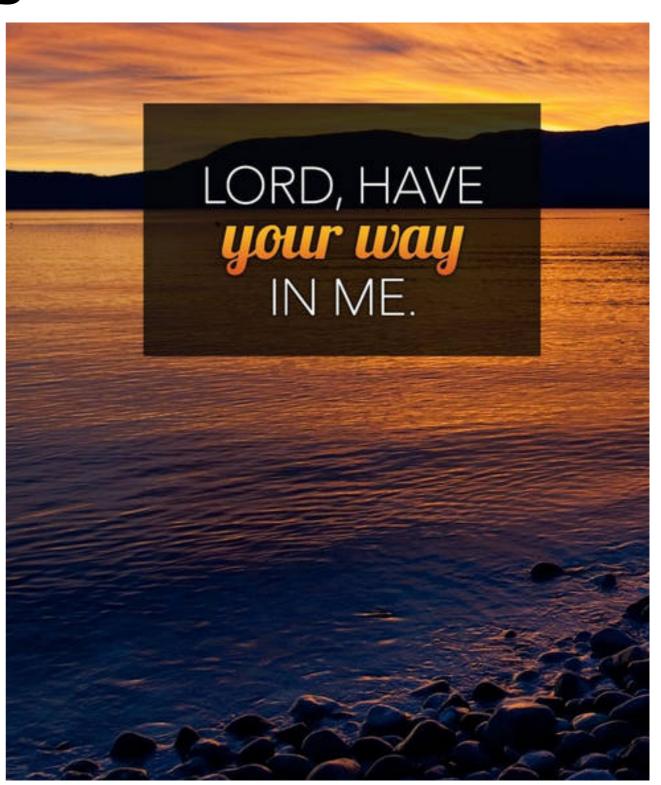


#### Pentecost: A Mandate for Prayer

"All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."

Acts 1:14 NRSV

PRAYER PROCEEDED
THE PROMISE.



### Laying a Foundation

Is it possible that some things are not being released in our lives because we don't know how to WAIT long enough?

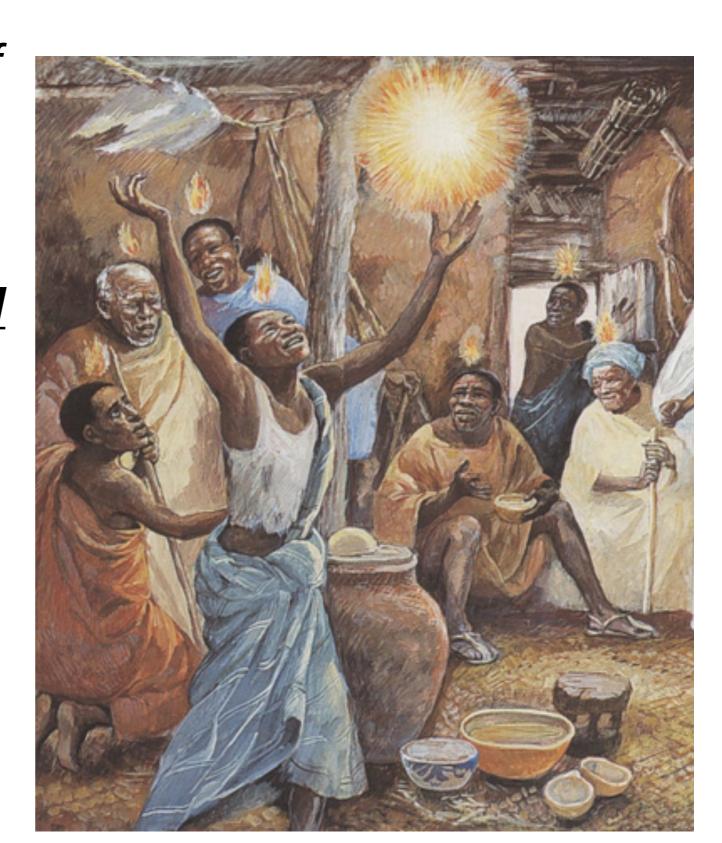
The WAITING released the WEIGHT.



This is a reminder: Preparation is NEVER time wasted. Your prayers SHAPE History!

### Pentecost: A Massive Outpouring of Power

"When the day (one day) of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." -Acts 2:1-3 NRSV





One Day. One Place. One Sound.

When is the last time God breathed on you?

## Hollywood, God says it's time to *BREATHE AGAIN!*

It's time to:

WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

WITNESS IN THE SPIRIT.

WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT

Stay in the Spirit!

