

Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of June 9
Greater Things Can Happen
Week 6



Special Prayer Focus: Vacation Serve Camp is just around the corner. Pray for the children attending and the students and adults serving. May all who attend be transformed by serving in the way of Jesus.

Sunday June 9

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4 When Pentecost Day arrived, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Morning Prayer: God, the imagery in this story is so provocative. Your Spirit blowing into a room where the disciples had gathered to pray and celebrate a Jewish holiday. Then, all of a sudden flames of fire began dancing over each of their heads. And then they began to speak in languages they had never learned before. Wow! Even though I don't understand all that was happening in this story, I do understand that my life could use the fresh wind of Your Spirit. I need a rekindling of a fire in my soul so that I might speak the language of love in my everyday life and to all those I encounter today. May I be filled with Your Holy Spirit. May today be another Pentecostal moment in my heart, mind and soul. May it be so.

Noon Text: Pause. Smile. Look around. Take in a deep breath saying, "The Spirit of God". Slowly release it saying, "Is in me and all around me". Smile and be thankful.

Evening Text: God, Your Spirit of love and forgiveness have guided me all day long. Now, Your Spirit of peace and calm guide me to a night of rest. Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Monday June 10

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in you?

Morning Prayer: God, as I begin my week may I be reminded every moment that Your Spirit lives in me. May I be a living reflection of the grace and love that are the hallmarks of Your Spirit. May I be gentle with myself and others. May I serve others whenever the opportunity arises. May I face each challenging circumstance with peace and gratitude, knowing that there are opportunities for growth even in the most difficult moments. May I take time to enjoy the beauty of the world around me, giving thanks for the richness of it all. May I walk humbly with all people. May all of this be so.

Noon Text: Take a deep breath. Ponder the mystery that with every breath, you breathe in God's spirit, yet God's spirit is already within you. Be aware of that presence.

Evening Text: I end my day in peace, knowing I have done my best to reflect Your loving spirit to the world around me. May I rise to live even more fully into Your love.

Tuesday June 11

Scripture: Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Morning Prayer: God, sometimes it feels like the fire of the Holy Spirit is simply simmering within me. Sometimes I need to re-energize and refresh, to search myself and find the passion that flames the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Wherever I go and whomever I encounter I want my words and my actions to be Your witness. Help me to be open to the passions welling within, to not be afraid but to embrace and respond. May it be so.

Noon Text: Take in and release a deep breath remembering that wherever you are, the power of the Holy Spirit gives you strength to be God's witness in what you say and do.

Evening Text: God as this day ends I am grateful for the opportunity to be Your witness of love and grace this day. That same love and grace holds me through the night.

Wednesday June 12

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:13 We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Morning Prayer: God, help me to see through children's eyes the gifts of the Holy Spirit as seen in Jesus when he pointed to innocent, spontaneous and vulnerability children as a picture of Your Kingdom on earth. Like children, help me to see all people, regardless of age, race, religion, haves or have-nots, sexual orientation or gender as Your children and my brother or sister. Help me to remember that we all drink from Your fountain of life. May it be so.

Noon text: Pause. Look around. Notice the different colors, textures, shapes, and faces. In the many differences there is God fully revealed in ways that includes us all.

Evening Text: God, as the day winds down, I reflect on the ways in which Your Spirit guided me throughout the day. Now, Your Spirit is guiding me to rest and renewal.

Thursday June 13

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

Morning Prayer: Every day, God, you give me a choice on how I want to start my day. May I always remember that when I take the time to center, to discern my intention for the day, the foundation for my day is set. From that vantage point, all my interactions flow more easily and are more likely to be tempered with the fruit of the spirit. My struggle, though, is sometimes I get blind-sided by people, places and things beyond my control. Help me, God, during these moments to remember to pause, to take a deep slow breath in to reset, and respond with love, with patience, with kindness... Help me to remember to extend the fruit of Your Spirit so freely given to me towards others. I know when I am able to do this, it's like the ripple effect after tossing a pebble in a pond. It extends outward endlessly. May it be so.

Noon Text: Breathe in while visualizing a rippling pond. Hold that image. Now, breathe out while visualizing a slow ripple reaching you resetting your intention with calm.

Evening Text: God, today I lived with good intentions to extend Your loving spirit to others. Even though I failed at times, I can rest knowing great things still happened.

Friday June 14

Scripture: Romans 8:16 The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Morning Prayer: God, when the news of the world begins to overwhelm me, I find reassurance by reminding myself that I am Your child and You are with me, Your Holy Spirit is within me, sometimes just waiting for a spark to reignite. With that reminder I can more easily face the challenges of each day. Instead of responding negatively to the news I see and read and hear, or withdrawing and not responding at all, help nurture the passion and to respond where I can, to make a positive difference. May it be so.

Noon Text: Pause and take a deep breath, reminding yourself that you are a child of God. As you release that breath remember wherever you are God is with you.

Evening Text: God, You have given me strength throughout this week; now You give me peace to rest and restore my body and my soul. I give You thanks.

Saturday June 15

Scripture: II Timothy 1:7 God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

Morning Prayer: Good morning God! Thank you for the night's rest and readying me for a new day. As I move through my day today, help me to guard my words, deeds and actions and let others see Your strength and the power of love in me. I can do all things with Your loving, powerful Spirit inside me. Help to remember these words when challenged today. May it be so.

Noon Text: A leader is somebody who is respected for who they are and not for what they do. Be a leader from inside both in your home and your various communities.

Evening Text: God, You created me to be special. You give me the power to impact others each and every day. May I rest knowing I am special and I have Your Spirit in me.