

TCE daily devotions DAY SEVEN (Friday)

Have you ever camped out and sat at a campfire at night? I'll bet our resident Girl Scout, Marsha Robertson, has! Building a campfire is fun, but it comes with a great deal of responsibility. Whenever you leave the campsite, you have to make sure the fire was completely out. One night a few months ago, Reagan built a fire in the fire pit in our back yard. He poured water on the fire and was certain it had been put out. The next morning, on my way to the church, Joshua was standing by the fire pit with a flaming fire burning in the pit. I asked how he did it. He said, "The imburs wurh still wed!" Fortunately for us all, the wind was not blowing much that morning!



There's a word in Greek, *pneuma*, which means both "spirit" and "wind." When Jesus speaks of rebirth and new life, he is speaking of the elusive and mysterious power of the Spirit. There's no telling when it will come or upon whom (or what) it will descend. Being born again isn't something we can DO; it happens through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" (John 3:7–10)

I pray that we'll see the power of God's Spirit move on us this week in a way that will transform lives. His spirit really can and will *change everything*. Be open to the God spirit this week. Try to keep the *embers red* and let His Spirit fan the flame!

What part of your life needs the empowering touch of the Holy Spirit?

PRAY: Spirit of God, blow your wind upon me. Create in me new sparks to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in my

