

OV devotions DAY FIVE (Wednesday - 6/13/18)

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from the heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Acts 2:1-4



As I am writing this, hurricane Alberto is stirring in the Gulf of Mexico and is causing storms all over the southeast. In fact, we are at the beach, sitting in the condo, because of the rain from Alberto (with Andrew, Brinkley and Noah-fun times).

Families in hurricane-prone areas will sometimes throw "hurricane" parties, gathering together to play games and eat everything in the refrigerator because the power has been knocked out. But most importantly, friends and family are together, passing the time, staying safe and dry, and not being alone.

In a sense, the disciples were prepping for a hurricane of their own sort, minus the water and wind destruction. Though they know the Holy Spirit is coming, its reality remains a mystery to them. So, they do what anyone does when a serious storm is coming your way. You hunker down with the people that you love. The disciples are all together when the storm hits, when the sound of violent, rushing wind fills the house. This powerful storm will change them forever, as it also changes us. Just like we name the hurricanes, we know this by its first name—Pentecost.



When has the Holy Spirit changed you?

How does the Spirit affect you today?

Today, don't forget that God's Spirit is with you and for you! Receive this gift. Just ask, and off you'll go, arm in arm!

Who knows what adventures, tasks, or opportunities the Spirit might have in store for you today! Let the future begin!

Prayer:

God, thank you for Pentecost. Help us live in the aftermath of your transformation. Amen.

