

Transformation Journal

May 23, 2010

The Whirlwind

Daily Devotions for the week of May 23, 2010

Monday: Review yesterday's notes. The coming of the Holy Spirit was essential for the mission of Jesus to be fulfilled. In today's reading we see how the Spirit's coming empowers Jesus' followers to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Scripture: Read Acts 2:1-21

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. What deeds of God's power could you speak about (2:12)?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? In our Church? In the life that is God?

Prayer Focus

Pray that you might get caught up in the whirlwind that is the life of God today. Pray that you might experience all of your activities today as part of sharing in God's life.

Tuesday: *Yesterday's reading was about how people of different languages were able to hear the Good News through the power of the Holy Spirit. In essence what was lost in today's reading from Genesis was gained through Pentecost in Acts 2*

Scripture: Read Genesis 11:1-9

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What was lost at the tower of Babel? What was gained at Pentecost?
2. Is pride getting in the way of you being able to draw close to God? God's presence is a gift received not a work (e.g. a tower) to build

Prayer Focus

Pray for those who are not able to hear the Gospel in a "language" that is accessible to them. Think about individuals in particular and pray for them by name.

Wednesday: *In this Psalm the Spirit of God is described as a creative, renewing Spirit. All things have the origin and their potential for renewal in the Spirit of God.*

Scripture: Read Psalm 104:24-35

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Is praise a regular part of your prayer? If not how can you make it so?
2. Is there any area of your life that you need the Spirit to renew?

Prayer Focus

Paraphrase this Psalm as a prayer of praise.

Thursday: *Your true identity is as a child of God. The Holy Spirit makes this possible. Through the Holy Spirit (i.e. getting caught up in the whirlwind that is the Triune God) you have access to the very life of God. You can participate in the loving community that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Scripture: Read Romans 8:14-17

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What does it mean to be an heir of Christ? What can you expect to inherit?
2. Do you find yourself living more out of a spirit of fear or a spirit of adoption (8:15)? If the former, then what can you do to be led by the Spirit of God?

Prayer Focus

Pray for those whose lives are controlled by fear. Pray that their fear may be replaced by the Spirit of God that casts out all fear (since fear and the Holy Spirit cannot co-exist).

Friday: *Pay attention to the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in this passage. Also pay attention to the implication this has for your life (e.g. 14:12)*

Scripture: Read John 14:8-17

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What greater works might you do because Jesus has gone to the Father and sent the Spirit?
2. How have you been doing this week at living on the inside of God? Have you felt drawn into the community of the Holy Trinity? We'll talk more about this on Sunday.

Prayer Focus

Be bold in prayer today. Believe in Jesus and ask that you might do great works today.

Saturday and Sunday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.