

THE BREATH OF GOD

SEGMENT 2

SYNOPSIS

The only way we are able to live a life of faith, a life full of love, peace, joy and power is by the Holy Spirit. We see this most clearly in the lives of the Apostles. They had every advantage in being with Jesus and hearing him preach and seeing the many miracles that he had done. And yet, even with that advantage they were frightened men living their faith life in a locked room before they received the Holy Spirit. What took place in the upper room changed the lives of these men and women and would change the course of human history. This experience of the Holy Spirit is an encounter available to everyone; it is not reserved for a select few. Pentecost and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit is the theme of this segment.

DISCUSSION

1. Describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helped reveal who Jesus really was. How has the Spirit done this for you?
2. The Holy Spirit changed the lives of the apostles. What has been your experience of the Holy Spirit? Have you experienced tongues of fire, a driving wind or a breath?
3. Our faith life is not supposed to be lived in fear and in a locked room. Describe encounters with the Holy Spirit you have had that moved you out of a locked room.

REFLECTION

Come Holy Spirit.

Prayerfully read over the scriptures cited here. Take some time and ask that God would send you his Holy Spirit and give you peace.

After a few minutes ask that God would breathe life into you and pray that God would send upon you the Holy Spirit just as he did the apostles centuries ago.

Expect to experience God's peace, presence and love.

Holy Spirit, breath life into these dry bones.

RECEIVE
THE HOLY
SPIRIT

JOHN 20:23



"FOR THE **SPIRIT OF GOD**
HAS MADE ME, AND
THE **BREATH OF THE**
ALMIGHTY GIVES ME LIFE."

-JOB 33:4-

KEY TEXTS

ACTS 1:4-5 "John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

ACTS 2:1-7 "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were..."

JOHN 20:19-23 "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"