

From the Outpouring to the Overturning

Message 1 - - Pentecost in the Streets

Acts 3:1-10

INTRO.

As we continue our series - - From the Outpouring to the Overturning - - I want to remind you of the overall concept we are seeking to discover – and the question we are looking to answer ... That question is - - What does a true Pentecostal experience look like and how is it manifested in one's life ... If a person has been truly baptized in the Holy Ghost – what characteristics should that person be manifesting – in their life? ... I'm not talking from a religious – doctrinal – or traditional point of view ... I'm looking at it from a biblical – spiritual – and mystical perspective ... Why does this matter? ...

One – to know if one has truly had the Pentecostal experience ...

Two – to discover the true manifestations of that experience ...

Three – to learn how to daily walk in the fullness of that experience.

Now – I want to remind you that Pentecost didn't end in the upper room ... It started there – but it was never meant to stay there ... The Holy Spirit was poured out – not just to make us feel something – but to make us become something ... In Acts 2, they were filled – but in Acts 3, they started to manifest what they had received ... And the first place we see the power of Pentecost show up after the Upper Room is not in a synagogue ... Not at a revival service ... But at a gate – a public place – on an ordinary day ... Peter and John were just going to pray ... They were not headed to a Sunday service ... They were not holding a healing prayer meeting ... They were not about to conduct a healing conference ... And catch this – the Holy Spirit moved anyway ... Why? ... Because when you have had a real encounter with the Spirit of the Living God ... Power doesn't wait for a platform ... Compassion doesn't wait for a crowd ... And the anointing doesn't clock in on a schedule.

TRANS.

Today we begin our journey from the Outpouring to the Overturning – and we start with this profound discovery ... A true Pentecostal experience opens our eyes to see situations – with the eyes of the Spirit – and then empowers us to respond with the power of the Spirit ... It doesn't just stir your soul – it sharpens your sight ... It enables you to recognize divine moments – and release divine solutions.

The Spirit Opens our Eyes to Recognize Faith and Readiness

Acts 3:1-5 The Message

One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." (*Look at us*) He looked up, expecting to get something from them.

Now catch this the best you can by the Spirit ... Peter wasn't just looking at a crippled man begging for a handout ... Peter was locking eyes with a soul — searching for spiritual signals ... He wasn't moved by the need alone — he was moved by the Spirit's inner witness ... Notice – Peter didn't command him to be healed right away ... Peter said "Look at us" so that he could peer through the window of the man's soul ... Peter was searching to see if the man had faith to be healed ... This is similar to what Jesus did ... We see in Mark 2:5 that Jesus saw their faith ... In Mark 10:52 Jesus said – your faith has made you whole.

By the Spirit – Peter was spiritually attuned enough to know that – not every beggar is ready to be made whole ... Also – not every request is rooted in faith ... But when the Spirit within you encounters a soul that is ready to receive – you will know ... Spiritual perception replaces natural reaction ... We see – Peter recognized the divine potential in this man ... As the man turned his attention towards Peter and John – something unseen begins to vibrate between them

... His faith meets their authority ... His desperation engages with their essence ... His emptiness meets their indwelling power ... **This is the first mark of a true Pentecostal life — Spirit-filled people walk in spiritual awareness** ... Peter did not just hear the man's words — but Peter discerned the energy of expectancy and the mystical vibration of faith.

Practical Application

When you walk in the fullness of a true Pentecostal experience – you just don't look at people – you discern their spiritual condition ... You carry the Spirit of Christ, which enables you to sense when someone's faith is ripe for healing – breakthrough – deliverance or salvation ... True discernment is not suspicion — it is recognition of divine expectation ... We must become spiritually sensitive – discerning if people are ready to receive – rather than just being spiritually gifted – putting on a show.

The Spirit Elevates our Boldness

Acts 3:6-7 New King James Version

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ... 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Peter's words are not wishful – they are creative ... This is not a prayer request ... This is a declaration made in full spiritual confidence, sourced from his conscious union with Christ ... Peter spoke and acted with kingdom authority ... Pentecost did not just give Peter the courage to speak in public – it awakened him to the Presence within him ... He doesn't say, "Lord, please heal him." ... He says, "What I have, I give to you." ... That is not arrogance ... That is not a formula ... That is spiritual realization in action ... A true Pentecostal experience gives you the boldness to release what you have received ... Peter didn't claim nor declare a doctrinal position – he received a truth and it internally transformed him ... He declared not as a man trying to believe — but as a man who had become belief incarnate.

Practical Application

Peter wasn't unsure ... He wasn't wondering if he had the "right words." ... He didn't say to John – "let's go pray about this first before we minister to this guy" ... Peter stood in full possession of what had been deposited in him at Pentecost – and he released it without hesitation ... Peter had received – the name of Jesus – the power of the Spirit – the authority of sonship – and he boldly gave it away ... Remember – you can't give away what you don't realize you have ... But once you fully realize it – you must freely release it.

Matthew 10:8 The Voice

Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy ... Drive out demons from the possessed ... You received these gifts freely, so you should give them to others freely.

So, how do you practically live this out on a daily? ... **First** – stop hoarding your spiritual experiences ... They are not just for you – they are for the benefit of others ... **Second** – stop waiting for a platform ... Peter didn't wait for a pulpit – he released power at a gate ... **Third** – stop underestimating what you carry ... You don't need silver or gold ... You need faith and confidence in what the Spirit has placed inside of you ... **This is how Spirit-filled boldness looks: it knows, it acts, it gives** ... As a man thinks – so is he ... By faith – release a word ... Lay hands on the sick ... Resonate and change the atmosphere around you ... The same Spirit that came upon Peter and John has come upon you ... The question is no longer – do I have it ... The question is – will you release what you have ... This week – don't ask God to do something for someone ... Ask the Spirit – what is it – that You have given me – that I need to release into this situation – then speak boldly.

The Spirit Creates a Testimony that Can't be Ignored

Acts 3:8-11, 16 New Living Translation

He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. ... 9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. 10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ... 11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's

Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John. ... 16 “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.

This man had been at the same gate every day – a fixture in the background of a religious routine ... But one Spirit-empowered encounter moved him from being scenery to being a sign ... What happened to him wasn’t quiet ... It wasn’t polite ... He wasn’t just healed – he was transformed so visibly that the entire city couldn’t ignore him ... The Spirit didn’t just make his legs whole – the Spirit gave him joy, praise, movement, and a story that disrupted religious complacency ... This is mystical overflow – where the healing in one soul releases a ripple effect into the collective consciousness of the community ... The atmosphere changed ... People gathered ... Hearts were stirred ... Why - - Because true spiritual power is never just personal – it is always transformational ... It will manifest through you – with the intent to awaken others.

Practical Application

Catch this principle - - A true Pentecostal experience will eventually outgrow our private edification – and will manifest in public evidence ... I’m not talking about a performance at a healing service ... I’m talking about His presence – emanating from you – where it impacts the reality around you ... And this impact will have people saying – what the heck just happened.

So, what does this look like or mean for us? ... You were never meant to just receive a testimony – you were meant to become one ... You don’t need a microphone to be a witness – your transformation is your pulpit ... When people see you walking in joy, freedom, healing, and courage – you become the message ... It makes you visible to others – so that you may point people to Jesus.

CONCLUSION / TAKEAWAY

So, what can we draw from this moment in Acts 3? ... A true Pentecostal experience opens your spiritual eyes to see what others miss ... It gives you the boldness to act when others hesitate ... And it creates a testimony through your life that others can't deny or ignore.

This is what the baptism of the Holy Spirit is really about — not just tongues, not just fire, not just upper room encounters — but daily demonstrations of divine power ... Peter and John didn't start a ministry after Pentecost — they started manifesting the kingdom ... They didn't wait for an invitation to preach — they responded to an encounter with power ... They didn't perform for attention — they released what they carried in sacred boldness and compassion ... And that brings us to the divine principal Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew 10:8: “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” ... This wasn't just a command — it was a rhythm of life ... They had freely received the Holy Spirit ... They had freely received power, authority, boldness, discernment, and healing virtue ... And because they knew they had received it — they freely gave it away.

So, here's the takeaway for each of us ... You have received more than you realize — but it only becomes real when you release it ... Don't just carry the Spirit — cooperate with Him ... Don't just believe in miracles — become someone God works miracles through ... Don't just attend church — be the church ... Don't just remember Pentecost — live Pentecost ... This week, may the Spirit open your eyes — elevate your boldness — and create in you a testimony that makes Jesus impossible to ignore ... Freely you have received — now go and freely give.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, I thank You for the outpouring of Your Spirit — not just in a moment, but in a movement that continues through us ... I thank You for the fire that fell in the Upper Room — and for the power that now flows through our everyday lives ... Holy Spirit, open our eyes ... Let us see beyond the natural — to discern the spiritual readiness in those around us ... Sharpen our spiritual senses so we may move with compassion, and not just routine ... Elevate our boldness ... Deliver us from fear, hesitation, and insecurity ... Help us realize what we have

received — and give us the courage to release it ... Create through us a testimony that cannot be ignored ... Let our lives become signs that point people to Jesus ... Let healing, freedom, and praise erupt from our obedience — not for our glory, but for Yours ... We receive this charge from Matthew 10:8 ... Freely we have received — and now we go to freely give ... Use us this week — in the streets — in our homes — in unexpected places ... Let your Kingdom flow through our lives ... In the mighty name of Jesus — the name above every name — Amen.