



### *Pentecost Continues...*

1. **Pentecost:** Is the historical outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yet, many God believing people are rejecting the Holy Spirit.
2. **Is the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church** rejecting the Holy Spirit and trusting in the culture wisdom of the day instead?

### *Prophetic Words from Jesus*

*“Let those who have ears hear what the Spirit is saying to  
The Church.”*

*Revelation Chapters 2 & 3*

**Acts 7:39-44**

### *Turning Back To...*

1. **V:39 Egypt:** represents a people who are willing to **turn back** to captivity to have normal life again.
2. **V:40-41 Idols:** Come into play when you don't gather to worship the living God, you will **turn back** to false worship.
3. **V:43-44 Tabernacles:** represent a meeting place. It's a turning back to gatherings without God. Their hearts abandon the genuine tabernacle that was right there in their camp.

**Acts 7:45-50**

### *You Cannot Put God in a Box*

**Isaiah 40:28**

*Have you not known? Have you not **heard**? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.*

## Acts 7:51

### *Stiff-Necked People*

1. **They have** hearts and ears that are not listening to the Holy Spirit.
2. **They resist** surrendering to the Holy Spirit to circumcise (Cut away the fleshly desires) their hearts and ears.

## Acts 7:52-60

### *Hearts & Ears that Don't Work*

1. **V:57 Their ears** are covered. They are blocked, in this case by their own hands and their yelling.
2. **V:58 Plugged ears & hearts** will become dangerous to the Christian.
3. **Stephen** didn't stop proclaiming truth, just because they refused to hear it.

### *In The Last Days...*

1. **We need** the history of God's faithfulness, because this a source of stability.
2. **Surrendering to the Holy Spirit** is the key solution to all the distractions.
3. **Keeping your heart tender** allows your ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.