



## *Pentecost Continues...*

1. **Pentecost:** The Holy Spirit came so that we would have power over sin. Pentecost is God's gift of encouragement to the Church.
2. **The 21<sup>st</sup> century Church** is in an inward Pandemic of despair. Only the ministry of the Holy Spirit and encouragement can save it.

### **Acts 9:21-30**

#### *How to be an Encourager*

1. **V:25 His followers** helped him.
2. **V:27 Who do you help** see a godly focus? When you help others, you are in the atmosphere of encouragement.
3. **V:27-30 An encourager will** come and get you and speak good on your behalf.

### **Acts 9:31**

#### *A Time of Peace*

1. **Peace is not** the absence of conflict. It's the celebration of God's power within a turmoil.
2. **Two ingredients:** 1<sup>st</sup> Living in the fear of the Lord. 2<sup>nd</sup> encouraged by the Holy Spirit.
3. **How does** the Holy Spirit encourage?
  - A. **John 14:26 Encourages us** and reminds us what Jesus has said.
  - B. **John 16:7-8 Keeps me** from sin and deception this encourages me.
  - C. **John 16:13-15 Guides me** into all truth and reveals what is to come. This anchors me in encouragement.
  - D. **Ephesians 1:13 Seals me** in the Spirit as an eternal encouragement of God's goodness and acceptance of me.
  - E. **Galatians 5:22-25 Bears fruit in my life** as evidence of His power & encouragement in my life.

## Acts 9:32-41

### *Get Up! Is its Message*

1. **V:33-34 Jesus Christ heals, so Peter commands Aeneas to Get Up!**
  - A. We don't even know if Aeneas is a believer.
  - B. We do know eight years is a longtime and our World needs to know our God is Omnipotent!
  - C. The "Get Up," message changed two towns Lydda and Sharon
2. **V:35-37** Tabitha an encourager gets sick and dies.
3. **V:38-40** Peter got down on his knees and prayed. Then gives the command Get Up.
  - A. **Matthew 9:18-26** A Ruler's little girl died, and He asked Jesus to come and put your hand on her and she will live.
  - B. **V:25** Jesus sends all the mourners out of the room, just as Peter did with Tabitha. Then Peter gets down a prays and tells her to get up.

## Acts 9:42

### *Encouragement*

1. **Is need everywhere!**
2. **The source** is the Holy Spirit and believers that are united in the faith with the Spirit.
3. **Discouragement** is more dangerous than the plague.
4. **Encouragement** is a choice! It's also a ministry.