

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever experienced a game where everything changed in a moment? Maybe you’ve witnessed a player step out onto the field, and it shifted the momentum of the game. Acts 2 records one of those defining moments in Scripture. God sent the ultimate Game Changer – the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Spirit was not random. It was predicted, prepared for, and fulfilled at the appointed time.

When God makes a promise, that day will come. He promised a Savior, and Jesus came. He promised resurrection, and the tomb was empty. He promised the Helper, and the Holy Spirit was sent. In the same way, God is faithful to fulfill the promises He has spoken over our lives. The disciples did not simply wait passively for the Holy Spirit. They obeyed Christ, gathered together, devoted themselves to prayer, and positioned themselves in expectation. Their waiting was active. Their posture was one of faith.

When the sound of a violent rushing wind filled the house, God’s presence moved from being primarily external to deeply personal. Fire that once rested on mountains now rested on people. God was no longer just giving commands from above. He was empowering His people from within. Pentecost changed the game forever. Today, believers are not called to strive in their own strength, but to live by the power of the Holy Spirit within them. The question is whether we are willing to believe, position ourselves, and play in the power He has provided.

GETTING STARTED

1. What’s your Super Bowl prediction – Seahawks or Patriots?
2. Have you ever experienced a season where everything seemed to change suddenly? What was that like?

LET’S GET PERSONAL

1. Why do you think it can be hard to trust that God’s promises will come to pass when we are in a waiting season?
2. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to rely on your own strength instead of God’s power?
3. What fears or doubts tend to keep you from fully believing God’s promises?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. What practical step can you take to deepen your dependence on the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
2. As you close your time with your group, pray together and ask God to strengthen your faith in His promises and give you patience and courage as you wait for His timing.
3. ***Want to dig deeper?*** Take a look at the following passages: Acts 2:1-6; Joel 2:25-29; Isaiah 44:3; Ezekiel 37:14; John 16:7; Isaiah 42:16; John 7:39; Galatians 5:16; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:26; 2 Corinthians 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; Revelation 7:9; John 15:26.

RENEW YOUR MIND

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.” – Acts 2:1-2