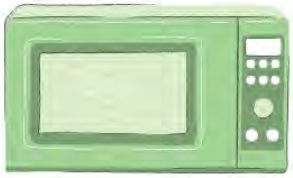
10 days before the day of Pentecost

Thurs 26th May

Day 1 Wait Expectantly for the Pentecost Promise



We like everything instant.

Waiting is never easy especially in today's impatient world as quick answers and decisions are expected even among the believers.

But waiting speaks about obedience, submission and trust.

The early church began with waiting on God, not passively but actively, steadfastly and with great expectancy

They waited faithfully and prayerfully (Acts 1:14). They kept the atmosphere of prayer.

This is how much the disciples trusted in the promise of Jesus. When we trust, we will submit and wait in expectation till the arrival of the promise.

Here, the disciples waited and the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 2:1).

What a fulfillment of the promise because the disciples were willing to wait for it!

Acts 1 : 4 - 5

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the arrival of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection and prayer: *There is power in waiting!*

Ask the Lord to create a hunger and thirst for the presence for the Holy Spirit in your heart and learn to wait for His touch and leading in your daily life. While waiting, be prepared like the disciples - spend time reading the Word, worshiping, praying and being in communion with our God.
Do not rush through your time with God.

Day 2 Fri 27th May

Be baptized with the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:5, 2:4, 17-18, 38-39; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Galatians 3:2, 13-14

The Holy Spirit is the greatest gift for an empowered Christian life.
It is **a promise to all who believe -** not for a select few.
The gift is made available simply through faith, and not by works.

When we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, Jesus dwells in us and we become the carriers of His presence. Our lives will never be the same again. We can do so much more through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

If you have not received the gift of the Holy Spirit, ask with expectation today! And by faith, you shall receive!

Simple steps to receive the baptism:

- Ask in faith for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus.
- You can say a simple prayer as given below:

"Lord Jesus, I come to You and ask You to baptize me in the Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive the baptism now. Lead me, anoint and empower me for Your service from this day forward. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for baptizing me in Your Holy Spirit. Thank You, Jesus for the gift.
In Your name, Amen.

The initial evidence of the baptism is the speaking in other tongues (**Acts 2:4**) – do open your mouth and allow the utterance that is stirring inside you to come forth. If none, just start with praying in a known language and allow it to just flow. Do not be afraid; The Holy Spirit will not force you, but you need to cooperate with Him.

You can ask your parents or your King's Kids teacher to pray for you. We will have a special time to pray for you on the Celebration of the Pentecost Day in King's Kids, June 5th

Reflection and prayer:

It takes faith to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the baptism of the Holy Spirit is received, do enjoy communing with Him and keep praying in tongues (Romans 8:26-27).

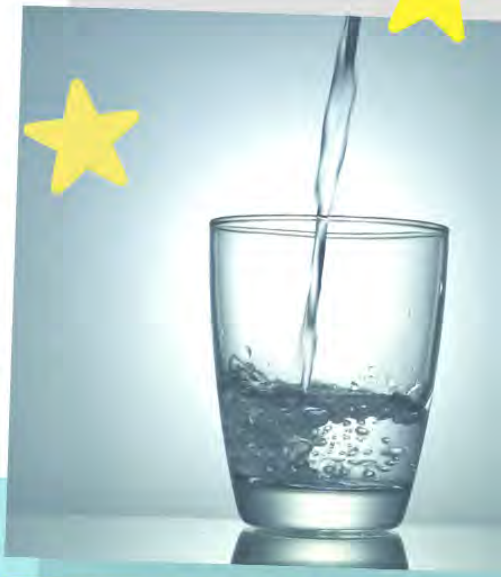
Give thanks and praise God for the gift received. Ask the Lord to remove the fear or doubt when speaking in tongues.

Day 3 The fullness of the Holy Spirit

Sat 28th May

Acts 6:3, 11:24, 13:52; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18

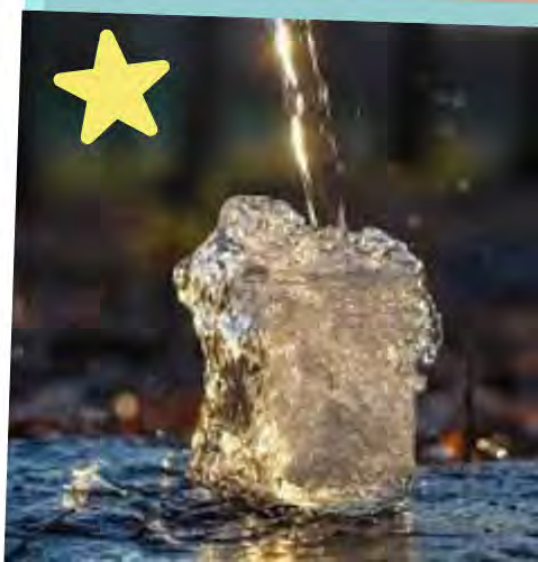
The baptism of the Holy Spirit is only the beginning of our relationship with Him. For it to grow, we need to go deeper and deeper into Him.
As we avail ourselves, He will lead us stage by stage for a deeper trusting fellowship with Him.



Read **Ezekiel 47:1-5**. It is not about how much we have the Holy Spirit but how much the Holy Spirit has of us. We can only have as much of Him as we are willing to receive

Do not grieve and/or quench the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19**).
When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, there is less of us, our ways and our desires, and more of Him leading every aspect of our lives. We will be so conscious of the presence of God and live a life that glorifies and pleases unto Him.

Reflection and prayer:
Listen to this song On Engedi.
Allow the Holy Spirit to have all of you as you seek the faith and courage to go deeper with Him.
Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas that you need to let go and ask for His strength and help to give full control to Him.



Day 4 Empowered for a spirit-led life

Sun 29th May

Romans 8; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 3:16-21;
2 Corinthians 3:17; Zechariah 4:6

This Spirit of God is not a spirit of slavery but a spirit of adoption. God makes us His sons and daughters. As children and heirs of God, we have full right to receive His inheritance (**1 Peter 1:4**).

As we live according to the Spirit, we will be walking in newness of life and free from all flesh, condemnation, our past, sin, bondage and eternity in hell. Our minds are under the influence of the Holy Spirit – our **choices and desires** will be in tune with His leading and desire. His peace is our portion!

Living a Spirit-led life includes enduring hardship, pain, weakness, and loss. Though we share in Christ's sufferings, the Holy Spirit inside us will empower us for victories over all the challenges and attacks of the enemy. The devil comes to steal and destroy our hope and our future in God, but we are more than conquerors in God.

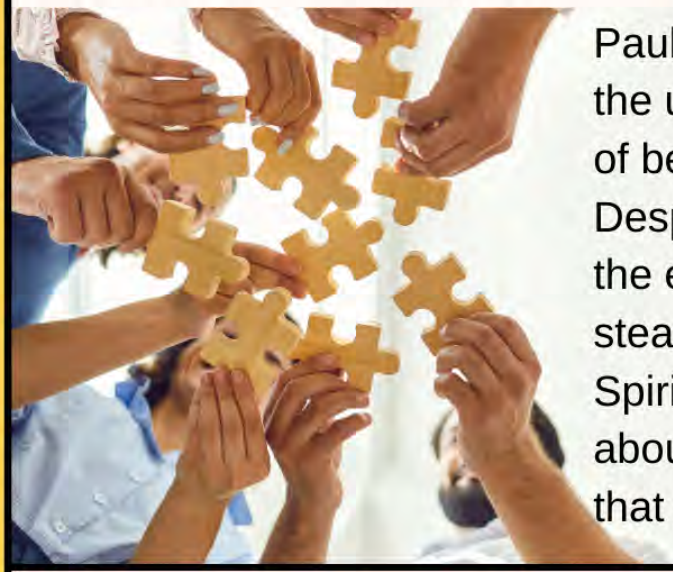
Reflection and prayer:
God has truly set you free. You are commanded to not use your freedom to do wrong. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your lives so that you will not carry out the desires of the flesh (**Galatians 5:16**).
Renew our minds with the Word of God (**Romans 12:2**); ask for a hunger and understanding when reading the Word Pray for strength to resist temptations and the work of the enemy.

Unity - in one accord

Day 5 Monday 30th May

Acts 2:44-47; John 17:20-23; Romans 15:5-7; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:2-3; Psalms 133:1

The disciples were gathered in 'one accord' as they waited for the promise of the Spirit and even after the gift was received, they continued as one body meeting daily with one accord, one mind and one purpose.



Paul exhorts believers to diligently keep the unity of the Spirit. Unity is the state of being one or single-minded.
Despite their challenges and sufferings, the early church members were steadfast in maintaining the unity of the Spirit. Do not gossip or speak bad about another.Do not saqy or do things that affect the unity of the church.

Let us demonstrate true love, patience and forgiveness that we may be true witnesses of Christ in a world full of anger, disappointment and hopelessness (**Colossians 3: 11-13**). We should live in mutual harmony out of love for each other in accordance with Christ Jesus. There is oneness and strength in unity (**Ecclesiastes 4:12**).

Unity is important for the growth and advancement of the work of God on earth. It is still one of the vital keys to getting God's work done .
Do not be Self-centered. Stay united!
Our testimony as Christians depends on our unity. People will know we are. Christians by our love and Unity.

Reflection & Prayer

Within unity, there is diversity. We are different parts of the whole body of Christ. But each part is.joined together for the full functioning of the whole body.
We can fulfill God's calling together. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the sense of belonging in church, to have the humility and be Christlike in all circumstances.

Day 6 Tues
31st May

As a WITNESS for His glory

Memorise ACTS 1:8
NKJV Version.

The first message from Peter after the Pentecost is not about the gift but of **Jesus**. The Pentecostal outpouring was intended to bear powerful witness to Jesus.

To be a witness is to tell the truth of what we have seen, heard, and experienced.

The authority to witness is given by Jesus (**Matthew 28:19-20**). The power and boldness to witness is given as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).

The disciples were fully convicted, convinced and empowered to proclaim the truth wherever they went.

Go beyond your own expectation, limitations, distractions, fears and challenges. Despite hardship, persecution and opposition, they overcame their fear. They were empowered with boldness and courage for boundless and fruitful witnessing. The Gospel was spread and many who heard, believed.

Reflection and prayer:

Your own testimony is the best you can share. It is not just sharing the Gospel but sharing a real-life experience and encounter with God. Be present, have a listening ear and be sensitive to the needs of the people surrounding you. Pray that God will fill you with the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping you for witnessing.

In order to be an effective witness for Christ, one must have the true knowledge of the Gospel.

Therefore, be diligent in digging and applying the Word. Ask for revelation and new understanding of the Bible.

Day 7

Wed 1 June

The Comforter the Spirit of truth

John 14:16-18, 26, 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 2:10 - 16; Hebrews 4:7,12; James 1:5; 1 John 2:26-28

When Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit, He was referred to as our Advocate and Counselor, our teacher and instructor, our Comforter and our ever-present Helper in all seasons simply because He will provide us the support, strength, and counsel and intercede for us when we are too overwhelmed or burdened to pray.

Reflection and prayer:

The Holy Spirit is the best Guide for us on earth.

Be willing to be a good listener and student of the Word

It is necessary to make time to read and study the Bible along with the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to show you its meaning and its application.

Ask for a teachable and humble spirit as you open your heart and mind for His teaching and guidance.

Be quick to seek His counsel instead of the world's, and be quick to respond when prompted by Him.

Day 8

Thurs 2nd June

The Refiner's Fire

To be like Jesus song

Matthew 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:4-11; Malachi 3:2-4; 1 Corinthians 3:13; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Deuteronomy 8 :2-3

Allows His fire to consume us and burn away what is unholy, unclean and impure. Ask the Holy Spirit to search us a make us Holy like God is Holy.

Reflection and prayer:

Search me O God song

Are you willing to allow God to purify you. Therefore, ask God to reveal areas of your life that needs to go through the consuming fire. Ask for the joy, grace, hope and strength as you learn to surrender completely to His refining.

Day 9 Fri 3rd June

Fruit & Gifts of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) is the outworking of the active and dynamic nature and character of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to manifest the fruit of the Spirit. However, it needs to be nurtured, cultivated and to surrender to the prompting of the Spirit in circumstances in our daily lives. It acts as our testimony to the world that the presence of God is working and moulding us.

The Gifts of the Spirit refers to the revelation and power of the work and ministry of God available to equip us to glorify God and edify others. They are given for the unity of the church as each gift is necessary and equally important for the whole church to work together fruitfully. It reminds us of our dependence upon one another and not think highly of ourselves. Being gifted is not about our ability but about our willingness to be used by Him.
For the gifts to be fully developed in us, we need to also demonstrate a consistency in showing the fruit in our lives for an effective ministry.

Reflection and prayer:

Be a Good steward of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Show the Fruits of the Holy Spirit especially when we are challenged.

Day 10 Sat

4th June

The supernatural natural church

Acts 2:43, Mark 16:15-18; Luke 4:18-19; John 14:12

After Pentecost, the disciples were no longer scattered individuals but a church– a body meeting daily with one accord, one mind and one purpose.
The church continued to be full of the Spirit and power with many miraculous salvation, healings, signs and wonders.
There were healings, deliverance, manifestation of Spiritual gifts, Miracles .

We have the same Holy Spirit. The same dunamis power He gave the disciples in the day of Pentecost, He longs to give us today. Jesus promised that we will do greater works than Him and truly without Him we can do nothing.
Truly it is the time for the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our church!

Reflection and prayer:

God is looking and seeking for people who will hunger for and want more of the Holy Spirit!
Pray that our church , our King's Kids will be strong in all these areas.
Let's be sensitive to the leading and the voice of the Holy Spirit today and avail yourselves to be the vessels of His power!
Pray that our church will be overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Ask for a great outpouring and leading of the holy Spirit – greater manifestation of healing, miracles, sign and wonders, salvation, deliverance, restoration and transformation.

Congratulations

for completing

The 10 days

Prayer & Fasting