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50 DAYS
MORE

Power

Adoration

Sharing

Serving

Invitation

Oneness

Newness



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50 DAY CHALLENGE

Fifty days marks the time between Resurrection Day, April 4th, and Pentecost Sunday May 23rd. We are planning a special outdoor worship service at 9:30am on that Sunday, May 23rd. We intend to celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit with joyous praise, lively worship, testimonies and a marvelous message. We are even believing in and praying for miracles!

Our way to this is through a shared commitment to expand our spiritual disciplines, including more prayer, Bible reading, study, fasting, fellowship, hospitality, serving, witnessing and again, more praying.

The 50-day challenge leading up to this year's Pentecost Sunday is to experience more POWER, more ADORATION, more SHARING, more SERVING, more INVITATION, more ONENESS and more NEWNESS. These seven themes, one for each of the seven weeks, form an acrostic that spells PASSION.

We launch this challenge on Easter Sunday celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. And we know the only way to Resurrection is through the Cross of Christ. The passion of Jesus Christ is expressed in his crucifixion and his steps leading to his sacrifice. His passion is expressed in the garden of Gethsemane, in his praying, in his sweating drops of blood.

Jesus' passion is expressed in healing, teaching, sharing and caring. His passion is seen in the sharing of meals, particularly at the Passover meal on the night he was betrayed. It was there he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it his disciples saying, "Take; eat. This my body given for you." It was there he took the cup, he blessed it and gave it, saying, "all of you drink of this. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins."

The passion of our Lord Jesus is expressed in his seven last words from the cross:

- 1) Christ our Lord, beaten, bruised, bloodied, spat upon, scorned, crowned and cursed, hangs on the cruel cross and says: **"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."** (Luke 23:24)
- 2) Jesus, in agony, hears the plea of the condemned criminal hanging on the cross next to him. To the repentant man he says: **"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."** (Luke 23:43)
- 3) Jesus, even in his misery shows compassion as he assigns the care of his mother to the beloved disciple John. He says: **"Woman, behold your Son. Son, behold your mother."** (John 19:26-27)



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4) Jesus, our Lord, never sinned. Yet, he became sin for all humankind. In bearing the sin of the whole world, for all time, Jesus now expresses the reality of sin's separation from God. He quotes these words of the psalmist:

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1)

5) Jesus, Son of Man, born of the virgin Mary, suffering under Pontius Pilate cries a simple human need when he says: **"I Thirst."** (John 19:28)

6) Once and for all, by a single sacrifice for sin, Jesus shows a completed work, a perfect offering for our forgiveness, for our salvation. He declares:

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

7) The Christ—the Messiah, the Son of the living God—in his final gasp, expires with these words of faith:

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46)

This passion is God's revelation through His Son that we might believe and come to faith and know God's great love! Upon our belief and acceptance of Christ comes our passion! With great passion we commit to this 50-day challenge. We make Jesus Christ our priority, our first love, in order to experience the fullness of God's love.

MORE POWER

Our first theme is **power**. We hear again and again about the resurrection power of Jesus. See Romans 8:11: *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

Philippians 3:10a says: *I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection.*

Also, Ephesians 3:20-21 *To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen.*



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And then, 1 Corinthians 6.14: ***"God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."***

So, are we experiencing more power? We must pray for it. God is our source. Jesus is our authority. Holy Spirit is our willing companion if we ask and invite.

We must ask for the Holy Spirit! Luke records these words of Jesus:

And so I say to you: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks.

¹¹Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? ¹²Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? ¹³As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (GNT) Luke 11:9-13


During this 50-Day challenge pray for power. We want more than the outward appearance of going to church. We are the church! We—our bodies and our minds—are temples for the Holy Spirit. Ask! Pray! For the Holy Spirit!!!

April 2021


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 9:30 Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 pm Activity Center is reserved. 6:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 New Small Groups 7:00 Elder Board	2 6:15 Men's Bible Study	3
4 6:30 EASTER Sunrise Service 8:00 NO Adult Sunday School 9:00 & 10:15 Worship 10:15 to 11 am NO Children's Church 3:00 Spanish Reunions Service 5:00 Prayer	5	6 Noon - 1:00 pm Prayer Innovative 5:00 Grief Share 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Jerry Krause prayer meeting 7:00 Property	7 10:00 Quilt Club 6:00 AWANA 7:30 20/20 7:30 Men's Bible Study	8 9:30 Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study 1:00-3:00 pm Activity Center is reserved. 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 New Small Groups	9 6:15 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Club 180	10
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DISTRICT BLITZ goes to Camp						
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SEE the Church Calendar on our website for updates!



7:30 – 8:30 pm



6:00 – 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2, 2021

Looping PowerPoint in the Worship Center from noon to 7:00 pm

EASTER SERVICES – April 4, 2021

6:30 am Sunrise Service

9:00 am & 10:15 Easter Services

3:00 pm Spanish Reunions Easter Service with special music with Ambassador's of the King

Bible Challenge!

Easter Verse



The Resurrection

Matthew 28

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **ESV**

Take a few minutes every day and read or write a few verses of the bible and in a month's time, you will have the entire book copied in your own handwriting. Enjoy this simple pastime and give God the glory.