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Pentecost Sunday 2010

Teaching: “*Breathe*”

Acts 2.1-13:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

John 20.19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Question: Any phobia’s in the house?

Fear

My Phobia

The Pentecost story begins in the context of a fear motivated by unspeakable violence.

Pentecost Sunday

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church.

Peace

May I just say a word of thanks giving for the peace makers in our world this Pentecost Sunday?

The story of Jesus is the story of a God who comes to God's world and uses the non-coercive power of love to save the world.

Sent

"Peace be with you. As the father had sent me so I am sending you." In the same breath he bestows upon them the gift of peace and then he sends them to keep writing the story of Jesus' peace in this world
Missiology must always arise from Christology.

Breathe

The resurrected Christ breathes His Spirit on his church and creates a community with a mission.

Ezekiel 37: the dry bones story.

Forgiveness

Jesus breathes his breath into the church and then gives them the authority to forgive and retain sin.

Sometimes we just need to breathe.