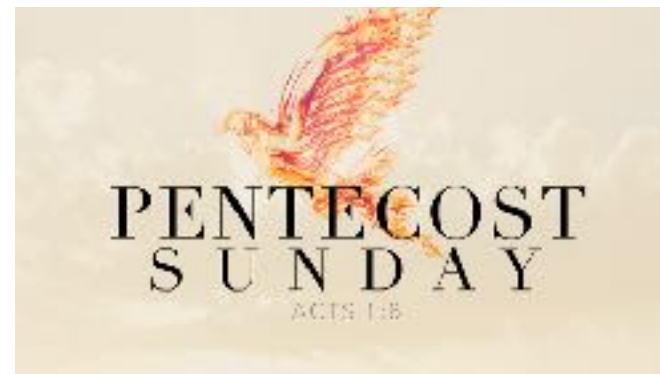




Pentecost Sunday
“Wordless”
Romans 8: 22-27
When words are not enough to
make your world new, try
sighing in the Spirit instead.



SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Holy Spirit
By Will Willimon

The Forgotten God
Francis Chan

The God I Never Knew
Robert Morris

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IT’S THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH—PENTECOST SUNDAY

ACTS 1:8—JESUS PROMISED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DELIVERED...

MEANING OF PENTECOST: THE DAY MOSES WAS GIVEN THE TORAH

A NEW COVENANT, NOT WRITTEN ON STONE, BUT HUMAN HEARTS

SO WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR YOU AND ME?

THE SPIRIT CHANGES THE GAME—AWAKENS, ENLIVENS, EMPOWERS US

AND HELPS US TO SEE... AND SEEING LEADS TO IMAGINING

AND IMAGINING LEADS TO LONGING

AND LONGING LEADS TO TRANSFORMATION

**ARE THERE TIMES IN YOUR LIFE WHEN THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS YOUR
LONGINGS? NO WORDS TO RESPOND TO THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF OUR DAY?**

**WHEN WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR WORLD NEW,
TRY SIGHING IN THE SPIRIT INSTEAD.**

ROMANS 8:22-27

- THE SPIRIT MAKES US CAPABLE OF WALKING IN A WAY THAT IS PLEASING TO GOD
- ENABLES US TO RECOUNT JESUS LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION AS OUR OWN
- THE RESURRECTION IS THE BEGINNING OF NEW CREATION - NEW HUMANITY
- PAUL LIKENS THE GROANS OF CREATION AS “LABOR PAINS” - NEW LIFE
- THIS END IS, IN FACT, A NEW BEGINNING.

**WHEN WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR WORLD NEW,
TRY SIGHING IN THE SPIRIT INSTEAD.**

THE BIOLOGY OF SIGHING.

(SIGHING STARTS AS A NORMAL BREATH—A SECOND BREATH BEFORE EXHALING)

(YOU DO THIS 12 TIMES AN HOUR—EVEN MORE WHEN YOU ARE STRESSED)

(IF YOU DON’T SIGH EVERY FIVE MINUTES, YOUR LUNGS WILL COLLAPSE)

(THE MECHANISM BEHIND THE EMOTIONAL ROOTS OF CONSCIOUS SIGHING—MYSTERY)

**THE PRESENCE OF THE SIGHING SPIRIT WITHIN YOU DEMONSTRATES THAT GOD STAYS
WITH THE BROKEN WORLD ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE END/BEGINNING.**

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