

## **WHAT DID HE SAY?**

### **Acts 2:1-13**

#### **I. DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER**

- A. It's a Story About "Anchoring."
  - 1. Don't let your fire go out.
  - 2. One of the reasons people feel so lonely today is that they don't tell stories about their ancestors.
    - \* "My family didn't have much, but we had a past. I was from somewhere ... We gathered every Sunday to share food around my grandmother's table, but more importantly to share stories." (William Willimon)
- B. It's a Story About Hearing.
  - 1. The chief characteristic of a good leader is the ability to listen accurately.
  - 2. "The Ministry of Listening." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
  - 3. Can you hear me now?
    - \* "There has never been an age when people have been able to communicate so continuously with others." (Sweet)
- C. It's a Story About the Birth of the Church.
  - 1. Pentecost was originally a spring harvest festival similar to our Thanksgiving.
  - 2. On this particular Pentecost, the Christian Church was born.

#### **II. DON'T FORGET TO FORGET**

- A. It's a Story About an Ancient/Future Faith.
  - 1. "We need faith that's filled with new/old thinking, that reappropriates the traditional into the contemporary." (Sweet)
  - 2. We need to get to the future before the future gets to us.
- B. It's a Story About Fitting Together.
  - 1. The Pentecostal experience creates community.
  - 2. It brings together that which is separated. It brings into relationship that which is pulled apart.
- C. It's a Story of Hide and Seek.
  - 1. "Most of what we do in psychotherapy is to try to keep people's pasts from killing them."
  - 2. We like to hide parts of ourselves. "If you really knew me, you wouldn't love me."
  - 3. Through the Holy Spirit God says, "Come out. The time for hiding is over. Come home!"

**Prayer Concerns: Members – Burney Biesel, Jeanette**

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**Christian Sympathy** is extended to **Matt Hamilton and family** in the death of his grandfather, **Frank Petska** on Saturday, May 19.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us. We are gathered together in one place to lift our lives to you in love. We come from east and west, and from north and south to sit in your sanctuary and praise your name. We come from different backgrounds, but we all claim kinship with you and with one another.

O God, let your spirit descend upon us as it descended upon the crowds in Jerusalem. Let it strike us as a mighty wind, blowing away our pride. Let it burn within us as a tongue of fire, consuming selfishness. And let it lead us into the world, proclaiming the day in which the young see visions and the old dream dreams, and all are pursuing your mission in the world.

O God, let us never forget that the church of Jesus Christ is as dependent upon the Spirit for its life as for its birth. So we pray for the outpouring of your spirit upon us. Let it come upon us with the power that compels, the truth that convicts, and the love that converts. Let Pentecost cease to be just a past to be remembered and become a present to be experienced; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation ,but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **ACTS 2:1-13**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a might wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

### **SERMON SCHEDULE**

#### **In the Sanctuary:**

June 3	<i>We Need Help!</i>	John 16:12-15
June 10	<i>Raising the Dead</i>	Luke 7:11-17
June 17	<i>What Was He Thinking?</i>	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 24	<i>Building Bridges</i>	Galatians 3:23-29

#### **On the Radio (1450 AM):**

June 3	<i>The Ultimate Workout</i>	James 1:19-27
June 10	<i>A Discourse on Discrimination</i>	James 2:1-13
June 17	<i>The Bottom Line</i>	James 2:14-26
June 24	<i>Taming the Tongue</i>	James 3:1-12