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Dear Partners,

Can you believe we're almost halfway through the year already? The summer months are fast approaching! Can you remember back to just one year ago when most of the world was still in lockdown and fear was rampant around the world? Most of us never dreamed that there would be another wave of COVID and more lockdowns on the horizon. But this is our reality. Like us, your travel plans have probably been changed or canceled. We're learning that vaccine passports may be the new norm for traveling overseas and fear is just as real now as it was a year ago. Do you ever feel like this will never end? Sometimes you might want to scream, *SEND HELP, and get us out of this mess Lord!*

But did you know that God has *already* sent help? He sure did! He sent **The Helper**. He is our comforter, our best friend and our compass to guide us into all truth. His name is the **Holy Spirit** and at the end of this month we celebrate His coming on earth on the Day of Pentecost over 2000 years ago. **The Day of Pentecost**, also called the **Feast of Weeks**, is celebrated around the world **50 days after Jesus' Resurrection**. The coming of the **Holy Spirit** was so important that Jesus told His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem until His arrival (John 14).

**And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:4, 8**

So they waited. As promised, **the Holy Spirit** came down like a **mighty rushing wind and filled the whole house where they were sitting**. Jesus knew they would need the Spirit's help for the days ahead. After all, that day was the birth of the church and a lot of work needed to be done if they were going to spread the Gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth!

**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4**

The early church had its challenges and faced hardships much like we do today. It may not be in the same way, but we certainly do have battles to face every day. And we need the **Holy Spirit** to help us fight out battles. When the Holy Spirit descended on the **Day of Pentecost**, the church was born and those who received Him, received **power**. We think we can all agree that we all need power to go on in the world we live in today. Do you know how you can be filled with that power and stay connected to God? By receiving the **Holy Spirit** and *consistently* feeding on **the Word of God**. Since the days of Joshua until the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God has been instructing His servants to meditate on the Word. This is what God commanded Joshua,

**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8**

Consistently feeding and meditating on **the Word** together with the help of the **Holy Spirit** will empower you to be prepared for whatever comes your way. Our time in the Word needs to be quality time and not quantity. If the Holy

Spirit wants you to stay in one verse or one chapter and “chew” on that scripture for the day or for several days, it’s probably because He’s preparing you for something in the days or months ahead and you’ll need this Word.

Going back to the early church in the book of Acts, in those days people from all over the world would come to celebrate the Feast of Weeks and bring sacrifices to the Lord as was their custom. After the **Holy Spirit** came down on the disciples and those gathered in the upper room, Peter stood up and preached his first sermon. In Acts chapter 2, we see how the Holy Spirit enabled Peter, who was filled with boldness and power, to stand up and speak to the crowd of 3000 people! Peter the fisherman! Peter, the one who denied Jesus 3 times stood up and proclaimed the prophecy from the book of Joel in front of the whole crowd who had accused the disciples of being drunk! All because He received power from the Holy Spirit on that glorious day.

We need more Peters in these last days! We need more disciples to be empowered by the **Holy Spirit** and to proclaim the coming of Jesus with boldness and power. Do you want to be filled with that same power? You can be! With the help of the Holy Spirit and **the Word of God**, you too can experience the same kind of power and receive the Helper in every area of your life. The Spirit can assist guide us in so many ways if we allow Him! When you don’t know how to pray, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit intercedes *for* you (Romans 8:26). When you feel lonely and afraid, the Holy Spirit is your Comforter (John 14:26). If there’s ever a day when you feel confused or you need direction in your life, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth (John 16:13). When you’re reading the Word and don’t quite understand it, the Holy Spirit gives you revelation and understanding! He opens up the eyes of your understanding (Ephesians 1:18). We have help! The Lord has already sent us **The Helper** and He has equipped and empowered us with all that we need to face this crazy world!

**And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. John 14:16-17**

God is still at work around the world through JMM! We have an exciting testimony to share with you before you go! Last year we received a phone call from a lady whose husband was in the hospital dying from stage 4 lung cancer. The doctors told her to bring a change of clothes for her husband to be buried in the next day. There was no hope. She called our prayer line and John prayed in agreement with her over the phone. John sent the Word of God from Psalm 107:20 and he prophetically proclaimed healing over him. He said, “Tomorrow when you go back to the hospital, your husband will be walking around the room.” Of course in the natural this was physically impossible because her husband was in a coma. The woman went to the hospital the next day and found her husband clean shaven, showered, walking around the hospital room, waiting for her to come pick him up! The Word of God was sent over this precious man and one year later we are just learning about his miraculous healing!

The power of the Holy Spirit together with the power of the Word of God brings healing and deliverance to the other side of the world! If God can do that for this man, He can do it for you! When **the Word** comes out of your mouth, it has the power to come alive and bring hope, healing and deliverance in every area of your life! Remember, **the Word of God always** accomplishes what it was purposed to do (Isaiah 55:11)! Always.

And as always, we want to say Thank YOU for being a part of John Militarú Ministries! We are honored that you chose to partner with us by giving and praying for this Ministry. God is doing many mighty things around the world every single day! We received countless phone calls daily from new viewers and testimonies from partners who have been healed and delivered through the power of **the Word**! YOU are part of this harvest and we thank you for your faithful support! In His Service,

*John & Alexandra*