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Dear Partners,

June is such an exciting month, isn't it? This is our halfway mark of the year, summer is right around the corner and everyone is starting to enjoy warmer weather with family and friends. But like we talked about last month, there is a lot happening in our world today and time doesn't slow down for anyone or anything. That's why it's so important to be fully equipped in the days ahead! How do we stay fully equipped? By being armed with the Word and Holy Spirit. Last month we mentioned how the Day of Pentecost is celebrated around the world 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection. We'll dig a little deeper this month into the significance of the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit is still relevant today.

The day of Pentecost (or Feast of Weeks as it was referred to in the Old Testament), is 7 Sabbaths after Passover, a day that God commanded Moses to tell the people of Israel to bring their gifts and offerings to the Lord to honor Him. Fast forward to the New Testament, Jesus tells his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon them. He didn't tell them it would be on the day of the Feast of Weeks but, there are no coincidences with God! Sure enough, you know the story, the Holy Spirit came down on all 120 who were present in the Upper Room like a *mighty rushing wind and filled the whole house where they were sitting* (Acts 2:2). Not only were all 120 filled with the Holy Spirit, but on the same day after Peter's powerful message, over 3000 more were filled!

It's important to remember that as Christians, we can't do anything God has called us to do without the Holy Spirit which gives us power. The power that comes from the Holy Spirit is described as *dunamis* in the New Testament, a Greek word which means, "explosive strength, power or ability". *Dunamis* is the root word of our English word *dynamo*, *dynamic*, and *dynamite*. Before Jesus departed, He told His disciples,

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthened, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you] (John 16:7 AMP).

The coming of the Holy Spirit was so important that Jesus Himself instructed His disciples *not* to depart from Jerusalem until they received that *dunamis* power from the Helper so they could be fully equipped to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and set the captives free. You might be asking, *Why is what happened over 2000 years ago still relevant today?* It's absolutely still relevant because the Holy Spirit is alive and moving all over the world. In fact, in Joel 2:28 there is a prophecy about the last days, also mentioned in Acts 2:17 which says,

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

We're living in those last days, friends! This is the time to be equipped with the Holy Spirit and the Word of God like never before so we can accomplish our God-given assignments and fulfill our destiny here on earth before the coming of Jesus. Being in one accord with the Holy Spirit will help us accomplish more and go further than we could ever imagine.

There are many churches today that don't believe the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, still operates. They believe the power of the Holy Spirit was a thing of the past and is no longer active on earth today. That just simply isn't true. That's a lie that's been fabricated by the devil to keep God's people powerless. The truth is that the Holy Spirit is alive and well on earth in these last days! And we have scripture to back that up.

Zephaniah 3:9 says, ***For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord.***

Zephaniah prophesied that one day God will restore to us a pure language. That language is here! It came on earth over 2000 years ago when Jesus departed and sent the Helper. It's the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues that came on the day of Pentecost and we have access to that heavenly language now! You don't have to wait until the coming of the Lord to speak in that pure, heavenly language. In fact, you shouldn't wait another second for it! We have had so many experiences with the Holy Spirit throughout the years here at John Militaru Ministries and He has never failed us! One of those times was in Romania in 1990 during one of our first yearly summer crusades. Before our crusade started, the mayor of the city warned us that a group of people had already planned an attack on us and that if anything in the city became damaged, we would be responsible to pay for it. We told him that we believed God would turn the situation around because we came into the city to bring peace, not violence and harm. He responded by saying that he had washed his hands of any future attacks against us and he left. At the beginning of our crusade, there were rumors going around that people were coming to attack us with cans of gasoline and stones. Can you imagine our situation? There were already 1500 people gathered and eager to hear the Gospel for the first time and now we're hearing rumors that a mob of attackers were coming our way! All we could do was begin praying in the Spirit because we were at a loss for words. But the Holy Spirit is never at a loss for words! We decided not to operate in fear but in faith, believing that God would come through and demonstrate His glory!

John continued with the crusade and Alexandra was instructed by the Holy Spirit to go to the van, roll up the window, close the doors and begin to pray in the Spirit. She literally saw a group of about 100 men approaching our meeting carrying cans of gasoline and stones to stone us. She continued to pray in tongues as the Holy Spirit gave her utterance. Suddenly a group of men that were in the meeting listening to the message, rose up and offered to help protect us and our equipment. They went and stood next to our equipment and surrounded the area until it was over. Needless to say, the mob that came to attack us didn't lay a hand on us, or on anyone who attended the crusade, and didn't destroy any part of the city. The mob that came to attack us was so touched by the message of the Gospel that they put down their gas and stones, raised their hands and confessed the sinner's prayer!

As if that wasn't enough to praise God for, there's another piece to the story that we didn't find out about until a year later after we returned to the States. Our Ministry was in full swing and while we were planning our next crusades, we would often go visit different churches to share our Ministry and testimonies. While in a small local church in our area, a woman came and spoke to us after the service. She said she recognized John from a vision she had seen in the middle of the night over a year ago. She described our exact location and situation that we were facing at the time of the crusade we described earlier. The Lord woke her up in the middle of the night in the States, which was daytime in Romania, showed her the vision and told her to start praying in the Spirit for our protection. She also told us that the Holy Spirit was waking up several other people to begin praying in the Spirit as well. What an amazing testimony of how the Holy Spirit is still at work today! He is alive and well and ready to help us in our time of need.

Have you ever felt that sometimes you don't have words to pray? The Holy Spirit can help! Romans 8:26 AMP says, *In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words.* When we don't know how to pray, the Holy Spirit prays through us and intercedes on our behalf. What an amazing promise!

Do you want to experience the day of Pentecost in your life as well? Do you want to receive that *dunamis* power so that you can overcome the enemy and his evil schemes? What He did for us, He will do for you if you desire it. **God is no respecter of persons!** As believers, we should desire to speak in tongues. You too can experience that same power in your everyday life! God wants to give you the Helper so He can lead you into all truth (John 16:13). We've been so blessed throughout the years to see the Holy Spirit at work in this Ministry and in our personal lives. He's never led us astray or let us down. Our prayer is for you to experience the same power that we have experienced throughout the years and still do today. Please reach out to us if you want the infilling of the Holy Spirit. You are so loved and cherished by us and our team! We want you to know that we pray for you and your family every day. We speak God's divine protection and provision over each one of our partners daily. And it's because of partners, like YOU, that we can continue to take this Gospel around the world, together with the power of the Holy Spirit! We're so grateful for each and every one of you, dear friends. You are an essential part of this Ministry and we couldn't accomplish our mission without you. Thank you!

John & Alexandra