



Sermon Series--Make Some Noise
Part Two—Forget What is Behind and Reach Forward

Acts 1:3-8, 12-15

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Objective Sentence: Everyone can experience the power of the Holy Spirit by being engaged in the processes that lead to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction: That first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ was anything but quiet and solemn. That first Pentecost was a **loud noisy supernaturally powerful people and WORLD CHANGING event** [Repeat]. According to the Pew Research Center in December of 2011 there were an estimated 584,080,000 Pentecostal and Charismatic believers worldwide or about 27% of all the total Christians.

Read Acts 1:3-8, 12-15 NLT During the forty days after Jesus suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways [by many infallible proofs] that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. ⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. ⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, *they kept asking him*, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” ⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ 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 ends of the earth ... ¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives ¹⁴ They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus. ¹⁵ During this time [ten days] there were about 120 believers together in one place....

After the 120 followers of Jesus were united in purpose and prayer—after they had been in continuous prayer for ten days in Jerusalem; the followers of Christ were baptized in the Holy Spirit and were speaking in tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them an utterance.. **The noise GOD MADE that day has been heard around the world.**

**Live Under the Intoxicating Influence of God's Spirit Eph. 5:18

**Get On The Same Page with one another (Acts 1:4, 14-15)

You can Make Some Noise and change your world if you simply:

- #1. Forget What is Behind and Reach for that Which is Before You.** (Acts 1:4, 6 ... *In just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit [future—ahead ... but when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking [behind—past] ... kept asking... kept asking Him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom. The disciples were focusing on that which lay in their distant past—so much—that they completely overlooked that which was a part of their present now.)*
- A. Pastor Dan:** *Jesus met with His disciples several times after His resurrection for forty days, instructing them, encouraging them and reassuring them of His love for them. He revealed the next step BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. Jesus did change His mind about them even though they for a time changed their mind about Him.*
- 1. Don't Look Back—The Future is Always in Front of You .**
- a. **Ezra 3:10-13** [*In 605 BC Nebuchadnezzar launched his first invasion against Judah. In 586 he invaded Jerusalem a third time and destroyed the city and the temple*]. When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord [in 536 BC] the priests stood ... with trumpets, and the Levites... with cymbals, to praise the LORD¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: For He is good, and His mercy endures forever toward Israel ... all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes ...¹³ so that the people could not discern the **noise** of the shout of joy from the **noise** of the weeping of the people ... and the sound was heard a great distance away.
 - b. **Pastor Dan:** The apostles were in danger of being like the people in Ezra that focused on what Israel had been and not on what she would be in the scheme of God's destiny for her. Their limited vision caused them to see Israel as a sovereign nation among the nations of the world; Jesus saw Jerusalem as the capital of the world and the epicenter that everything will revolve around in the universe throughout all of eternity.
 - c. **Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV** ... one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
 - d. **Pastor Dan:** If you hang on to the past you will not have a future.
 - e. **Pastor Dan:** (Acts 1:7 Jesus said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority). **Some things you are not capable of understanding until Holy Spirit has control of your life**
 - f. **John 16:12-13** Jesus said to His followers, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has

come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- g. *Pastor Dan* (Acts 1:8): The New Testament Church was characterized by three basic things: the baptism of the Holy Spirit evidenced by the supernatural prayer language of tongues those who were filled received, signs wonders and miracles that were present in the church and the consuming passion for spreading the Gospel message to the uttermost parts of the earth.

#2. *Commit yourself to prayer until the promises of Jesus manifest in your life* (Acts 1:3-5 *NLT*) *During the forty days after Jesus suffered and died, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and proved to them in many ways [by many infallible proofs] that he was actually alive. ⁴ ... He commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit*

A. *Dr. Francis Collins:* *When I first became a believer in Jesus I embraced the idea that prayer was the means whereby I could get God to do what I wanted Him to do. But gradually I came to the realization that the point of prayer, its central theme was to open up a channel of communication with God for the purpose of developing a relationship with Him. Prayer is that time where we get quiet, get rid of distractions, get into a mode of listening and arrive at a place where we are learning something. Arriving at a place in prayer where we are getting insight into ourselves from God; insight that you and I could not have gotten on our own or in any other way. Prayer is a divine connection that we are privileged to make, a revelation [of God from God] that we are privileged to receive through prayer.*

1. Relationship (John 17:3 *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*)

- a. *Pastor Dan:* Prayer is that time you set aside in your life whereby you nurture relationship with God and allow God to nurture relationship with you.
- b. *Pastor Dan:* Prayer is that time you set aside in your life where you pour out your heart to God and wait in His presence until God pours out His heart out to you.
- c. *Connected to Glory:* John 14:13-14 If you ask anything in My [Jesus] name ...
- d. **Ephesians 6:18** Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.
- f. *Pastor Dan:* **Matthew 26:41** Unless we make a Calendar Clock Commitment to the Lord in prayer we will not become what we should be and neither will we do what we should do. We will not make a a difference in the lives of others.
- g. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances...

Closing and Invitation; E. M. Bounds: People are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better people. What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men and women who the Holy Spirit can use—people of prayer—men and women mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not come on machinery but on people. He does nto anoint plans, but people—men and women of prayer

(1 Corinthians 2:4-5). *T.L. and Daisy Osborn:* We do not pretend academic or even theological distinction. We have observed that cities and nations are seldom, if ever, affected spiritually by academic excellence or by ecclesiastic eloquence but rather by ordinary men or women who prioritize the demonstration of the Spirit and of power which has always been essential to effective witnessing for Christ.

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