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**A SEASON OF REFRESHING:  
MOVING FORWARD**



Greetings New Birth Charlotte Family,

Once again it is time for us to embark upon the Road to Pentecost. Over the next 50 days, the Holy Spirit will take us on a journey that leads to a glorious encounter on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

This journey led to the greatest outpouring of God's spirit upon the followers of Jesus, and launched the start and establishing of the church in the earth.

I encourage you to be open and allow the power of God to have full access to you, so that your spirit, soul, and body can be changed. As you set aside consecrated time with Him, He will give illumination and impartation in unimaginable ways.

Our journey will lead us along the paths of prayer, our calling, forgiveness, unity and power. I urge you to closely follow along in this devotional guide so that we can all grow together on one accord and experience the amazing Kingdom exploits that await us.

**The Prayer Focus is in five 10-day segments that include:**

- **10 Days of Moving Forward Refreshed By Prayer**
- **10 Days of Moving Forward In Your Calling**
- **10 Days of Moving Forward In Forgiveness**
- **10 Days of Moving Forward In Unity**
- **10 Days of Moving Forward In the Power of God**



Every 10 days, for the next 5 weeks, you will receive the Prayer Focus for the week. During this time of prayer and meditation, I encourage you to record the revelations of God onto your journal sheets.

Be ready and prepared to hear his voice!

Diligently Seeking Him,  
Pastor Horatious Harris, Lead Pastor  
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The word 'Pentecost' means fifty days. It is a translation of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." In the Christian church, the day of Pentecost is 50 days after Resurrection Sunday, the day Jesus was resurrected. It is the day the Holy Spirit descended onto all the gathered Christians as described in Acts chapter 2. It is also ten days after Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. Jesus had walked with His disciples for 40 days after He rose from the dead. Pentecost is also celebrated as Shavuot, a Jewish holiday, was known as the Festival of Weeks, simply, Weeks or (*Shavuot* in Hebrew) or Feast of Harvest.

Three very unusual things happened on the day of Pentecost - the mighty rushing wind, the tongues of fire and the actual speaking in tongues. Those three things draws our attention to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. If we focus on just the signs, we miss that the coming of the Holy Spirit the important event – the receiving of POWER!

Explosive power - the Greek word *dunamis* "dynamite."

*Dunamis* is the same word that Jesus used when He told His disciples, "**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 1:8). In other words, "You shall receive explosive, dynamite power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

This power is for a purpose. It is power for us to be a witness . . . power for us to have the courage to tell someone about Jesus Christ, power to tell people about what Jesus has done for you.



## FASTING

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*“But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” (Matthew 6:17-18)*

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- **Our time of dedicated fasting is as follows:**
- **Day 43 - Sunday – May 13, 2018** – Eating one meal per day
- **Day 44 – Monday - May 14, 2018** – Eating one meal per day
- **Day 45 – Tuesday - May 15, 2018** – Eating one meal per day
- **Day 46 – Wednesday – May 16, 2018** – Eating one meal per day
- **Day 47 – Thursday – May 17, 2018** - Liquids only (as doctor permits)
- **Day 48 – Friday – May 18, 2018** - Liquids only (as doctor permits)
- **Day 49 – Saturday – May 19, 2018**- Liquids only (as doctor permits)
  
- **Consult with your physician about fasting.**
- Before beginning a fast, increase your water intake, begin cutting back on caffeine and sugar. Ease on and off a fast.
- Medication should be withdrawn only with your physician's supervision and or approval.
- Rest as much as your schedule will permit.
- Make a deliberate increase in worship, prayer and study of the Word.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*Pastor Horatious Harris and the New Birth Charlotte Empowerment Church advise all member and participants of this consecration to consider their personal health needs and to consult their personal physician prior to beginning this fast. Therefore, New Birth Charlotte specifically disclaims any responsibility of any physical or medical reaction from this fast.*



## **MOVING FORWARD IN FORGIVENESS (Days 21-30)**

### **Day # 21 Saturday April 21, 2018**

Key Scripture: Colossians 3:14

**Targets:** Thank God for His gift of forgiveness. His Son, Jesus, loved us enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so we could be forgiven. His mercy flows to us in spite of our faults and failures. God's Word says to "clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." Pray for help to demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt you.

### **Day # 22 Sunday April 22, 2018**

Key Scripture: 2 Cor. 10:5

**Targets:** When we see the person who has hurt us, begin to pray for strength to take any ungodly thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ. Pray that the confidence of Christ in our hearts guides us into the freedom of forgiveness. Praise God for the work He is doing in each of us, teaching and perfecting our faith.

### **Day # 23 Monday April 23, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Romans 12:14, 19; Ephesians 4:32

**Targets:** Thank the Lord for the power of forgiveness, and choose to forgive everyone who has hurt you. Ask God to help you set [name anyone who has offended you] free and release them to Him. Begin to pray for and bless those who have hurt you. Pray to the Father for help to walk in righteousness, peace, and joy, demonstrating His life here on earth. Choose to be kind and compassionate, forgiving others, just as the Lord has forgiven you.

### **Day # 24 Tuesday April 24, 2018**

Key Scripture: 1 John 1:9

**Targets:** Pray for your forgiveness. Father, today I ask forgiveness of all the negative and harmful words I have spoken about myself. I do not want to abuse myself in such a way again. Transform my thoughts and let me understand how marvelously you made me. Change my habits so I use my tongue to speak hope and favor upon my life.



### **Day # 25 Wednesday April 25, 2018**

Key Scripture: James 3:5-10

**Targets:** Why does God forgive us? We shout praises to Him when we sing worship, but with the same tongue we curse other people that are made in His image. Why does God forgive us? We say we love Him and still keep sinning. Why does God forgive us? We spend time in prayer thanking God for His blessings and then we refuse to bless others. Why does God forgive us? We read our Bibles when we make time for it, but we also read other nonsense that is offensive to Him. Why does God forgive us? We praise Jesus for His death on the cross for the atonement of our sins and then we nail Him to it again every time we trespass against Him. Why does God forgive us every single time? It's because He has an endless supply of forgiveness! Thank God for being so mindful of us. The compassion and grace and mercy He gives so freely is extraordinary.

### **Day # 26 Thursday April 26, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 1:18; 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Targets:** No matter how deep the stain of our sin, God can purify and cleanse us as freshly fallen snow. Confess your sins to Him. Allow Him to come into your heart so that you can be delivered and freed. Repent and seek His face that your land will be healed.

### **Day # 27 Friday April 27, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Mark 11:25; Ephesians 4:31-32

**Targets:** Forgive anyone who has wronged you that God may forgive you. Do not hold on to anger, bitterness and rage but let love, peace and forgiveness take root in your heart. Do not let un-forgiveness keep you from what God has for you. Release the weights that you may move forward in the Kingdom.

### **Day # 28 Saturday April 28, 2018**

Key Scripture: Psalms 37:4

**Targets:** Cry out for the Lord to forgive our nation for racism, sexism, idolatry, lying, deceit and character assassination. Ask the Lord to forgive us for being self-serving, boastful, proud and arrogant. Thank God for the Angel of the Lord, which encamps around this nation and aids in our deliverance.





### **Day # 29 Sunday April 29, 2018**

Key Scripture: Micah 7:18-19

**Targets:** Remember that forgiveness is for you. It relinquishes the power from the one you are forgiving. By embracing forgiveness, you can also embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy. Consider how forgiveness can lead you down the path of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Forgiveness brings about peace in which you can move forward in the power of God.

### **Day # 30 Monday April 30, 2018**

Key Scripture: Luke 17:3-4

**Targets:** Forgiveness can lead to:

- Healthier relationships
- Improved mental health
- Less anxiety, stress and hostility
- Lower blood pressure
- Fewer symptoms of depression
- A stronger immune system
- Improved heart health
- Improved self-esteem

Forgive that you may live a life of abundance, wholeness, great health and prosperity. Ask God to soften your heart that you may completely forgive yourself and others.





**April 21, 2018 – April 30, 2018: Moving Forward In Forgiveness  
What is God Revealing To Me?**

