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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:**

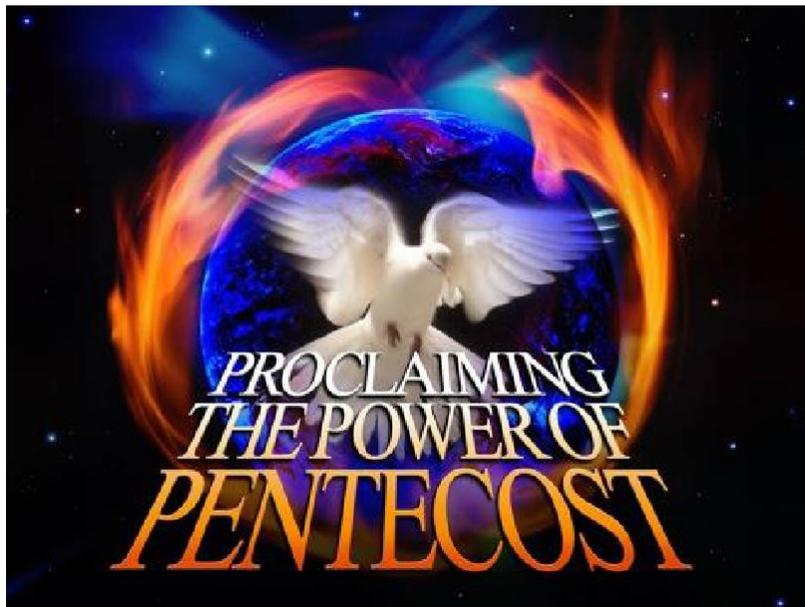
- . **10 Days of Moving Forward Refreshed By Prayer**
- . **10 Days of Moving Forward In Your Calling**
- . **10 Days of Moving Forward In Forgiveness**
- . **10 Days of Moving Forward In Unity**
- . **10 Days of Moving Forward In the Power of God**



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,  
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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 Shavout, 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 members 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 from any physical or medical reaction from this fast. .*



## **MOVING FORWARD IN YOUR CALLING (Days 11-20)**

### **Day # 11 Wednesday April 11, 2018**

Key Scripture: Romans 8:30

**Targets:** We were predestined by God to be conformed to the Image of His Son and share in His complete sanctification, so that He would be the firstborn among many believers. Those whom He called He also justified and declared free of the guilt of sin; those whom He justified, He also glorified raising them to a heavenly dignity.

### **Day # 12 Thursday April 12, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Romans 8:28-29; Romans 11:29

**Targets:** Loved and chosen beforehand, God is deeply concerned about us and causes all things to work together for good for those who love Him, and who are called according to His plan for their purpose. The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. He does not withdraw what He has given, nor does He change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call. We must all walk in our calling.

### **Day # 13 Friday April 13, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Philippians 1:6; Jeremiah 29:11; Jeremiah 1:5

**Targets:** Pray that God will keep you faithful in serving Him all the days of your life. Thank Him for His commitment to complete the good work He began in you. During your quiet time ask Him to reveal His plans to you and resolve to spend more time in His presence.

### **Day # 14 Saturday April 14, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Joshua 1:8-9; 1 John 5:14; Hebrews 4:16

**Targets:** Pray for a courageous heart, a heart that walks boldly into whatever God calls you to do. There will be times when fear threatens you but, know that confidence comes as a result of chasing God. Some assignments will be challenging and others frightening. Meditate on the key scriptures listed above for the needed remedy.

### **Day # 15 Sunday April 15, 2018**

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 1:7; James 1:5; James 3:17

**Targets:** Pray that God will give you heavenly wisdom so that you can increase in the knowledge and understanding of Him and the purpose for your life. Pray also for spiritual growth, as you advance in God you will discover that your purpose is multifaceted.



## Day # 16 Monday April 16, 2018

Key Scripture: Romans 12

**Targets:** Ask God for endurance. Faith and prayer is a lifelong thing. Today, pray for strength and perseverance. Ask God to equip you to keep running the race for Him, so that with your purpose in the earth completed, you can finish well.

## Day # 17 Tuesday April 17, 2018

Key Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**Targets:** We live in a culture that wants everything. Life is almost always busy, with chaos right around the corner. Pray that God would help you establish more balance in your daily life. Remember there is a time appointed for every event under heaven. Plan your work, work your plan. Where is the majority of your time spent? Ask God to show you how to best manage your time.

## Day # 18 Wednesday April 18, 2018

Key Scriptures: John 12:25-26; Matthew 23:11; Romans 12:10-11

**Targets:** Prepare to serve in the Kingdom of God in a way that always exemplifies love and a Christ-like attitude. Pray that your desire to be close to God would only continue to increase.

## Day # 19 Thursday April 19, 2018

Key Scriptures: Psalm 107; Psalm 145

**Targets:** Take some time today to reflect on God's goodness. Thank Him for his goodness, sovereignty, compassion and mercy. Thank Him for every good and perfect gift He has blessed you with. Thank Him for being so gracious, loving and patient with you. Give thanks for all He has done and will continue to do.



**Day # 20 Friday April 20, 2018**

Key Scripture: 11 Peter 1:10

**Targets:** Often we are perplexed when trying to understand what it is that God has assigned us to do in the earth. Following are some clues that will, along with prayer assist you in discovering your God given mandate:

- The problem that infuriates you the most is more than likely the one you are to solve.
- Your gifts and talents are usually clues to your assignment.
- Your assignment may be revealed through a dream.
- Your Assignment is not your decision but your discovery.
- What you love the most is a clue to your assignment.
- Passion and compassion are two major ingredients in your assignment.
- Your assignment was scheduled before your birth.
- Your assignment is not given to anyone else.
- Your assignment will force your greatest gifts and talents to emerge.
- Somebody's entire life depends on you performing your assignment.
- Your assignment will require seasons of: incubation; preparation; waiting; intensified prayer and fasting; submission to others; isolation.
- Opposition to your assignment is proof of progress.
- Your assignment may appear to be ridiculous, illogical and impossible to others.
- Your assignment may appear to be a total contradiction to your skills.
- Your assignment may require that you begin small.
- Your assignment requires total obedience.
- The success of your assignment depends on your ability to be corrected.
- Your assignment may be misunderstood by those closest to you.
- Your assignment may cost you everything.
- God will fight for you and go before you.



**April 11, 2018 – April 20, 2018: Moving Forward In Your Calling  
What is God Revealing To Me?**

