

Grace Guide



JUNE 2-8

MONDAY
6/2

NUMBERS 28:26-31

On the day of firstfruits, the festival that the people of Israel would later call Pentecost (it was fifty days after Passover), the people of Israel were called to bring offerings to God in gratitude and recognition of his provision. These instructions were a sacred rhythm, a reminder that what they had was a gift from God. Though this passage is rooted in the old covenant, it foreshadows the new covenant in which God offers the gift of his Spirit. Just as the Israelites brought the firstfruits of their harvest, so we are now called to offer the firstfruits of our lives – our hearts, our time, and our resources – to the work of the Spirit in the world. Firstfruits aren't just about money and material things, but the concept includes giving to God the first and the best of our lives.

1. What "firstfruits" of your life might you offer in gratitude to God?
2. Why is it important to acknowledge God's provision for our lives by this kind of offering even today?

TUESDAY
6/3

JOEL 2:28-32

Joel prophesied a time when God would pour out his Spirit on all people – young and old, male and female, rich and poor. The start of that time came at Pentecost, as Peter declared in Acts 2. This promise was revolutionary: no longer would the Spirit rest only on a few. Now, all who call on the name of the Lord can receive the Spirit and be part of what God is doing in the world. This promise invites us not only to receive but to participate, to speak, dream, and act under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

1. How do you experience the daily work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. What is the difference between a hope or a dream that a person might have versus a dream or a vision that God gives?

WEDNESDAY
6/4

ROMANS 8:1-17

This passage from Romans proclaims the radical transformation made possible by the Spirit. In Christ, we are set free from condemnation, no longer bound by sin but alive to God. The Spirit does not enslave us in fear but assures us that we are God's children and heirs with Christ. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Spirit-filled Church, and Paul reminds us that being Spirit-led changes not only how we live but how we understand ourselves. We are not outsiders trying to earn our way in – a we are family, a family of believers.

1. What does it mean to you that there is “no condemnation” for those in Christ?
2. In what ways do you struggle to live as a child of God instead of as a slave to fear?

THURSDAY
6/5

GALATIANS 5:13-26

This is, to me, one of the most powerful expressions in Scripture of the contrast between selfish, sinful living and living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that freedom in Christ is not a license to indulge the flesh but an opportunity to live by the Spirit of God. The contrast between the acts of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit shows us two very different paths. The Spirit does not merely make us feel spiritual – the Holy Spirit reshapes us into people who love, serve, and reflect the character of Christ. Pentecost was not just the Spirit's arrival; it was the beginning of a new way of being human, walking not by instinct or impulse, but by the Spirit's power (2 Corinthians 5:7).

1. We come back to the Fruit of the Spirit frequently in worship and in devotions. Why is this description of the work of the Holy Spirit so important?
2. What struggles with selfish desires do you sometimes have? How does God's Spirit enable you to overcome them?

FRIDAY
6/6

PSALM 51

In this prayer of repentance, David pleads with God not to take his Spirit away. He recognizes that the presence of the Spirit is not just about power but about relationship and restoration. Pentecost invites us into that same intimate connection with God through the Holy Spirit, who renews us from the inside out. When we come with humble hearts, God is always ready to cleanse, restore, and fill us again. The Spirit brings more than conviction. The Holy Spirit brings joy, a willing spirit, and a renewed purpose.

1. In what areas of your life do you need renewal or cleansing today?
2. How have you experienced God's forgiveness and restoration in your life this week?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
6/7-8

ACTS 2:1-13

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came like wind and fire, empowering the disciples to speak in languages they didn't know, declaring the wonders of God to people from every nation. It was a moment of divine disruption and transformation. Sometimes we call this the birth of the Church, but this moment is a real and visceral expression of how God is active and working in the world. The Spirit didn't just come for private comfort, but for public witness. The Holy Spirit continues to move today, often in surprising ways, calling the Church to speak boldly and live visibly as a testimony to the risen Christ.

1. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit moving in ways that surprised or stretched you?
2. What bold step might the Spirit be calling you to take in your witness or service?

Verse for the week:

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

(Romans 8:1-2)

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