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Part 2

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Monday

The risen Jesus instructed His disciples "Don't go without power from heaven, The Holy Spirit. Go, wait until this promise comes." This was the day of Pentecost, which brought a New Reality. Pentecost does not need to be duplicated; it just needs to be appropriated. To live in a new reality you will need the help and power of the Holy Spirit in your life. (Luke.24:49-51, Acts 1:4-2:4)

- What help have you needed with this new reality?

Tuesday

Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit as the Helper/Comforter, which is the biggest thing we need. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity; it is a mystery that none of us will fully grasp this on this side of heaven. He's our Helper. He doesn't make us "act out" or "go weird". You shouldn't be uncomfortable about the Comforter. (John 14:16-17)

- How could the Holy Spirit be a help and comfort to you?

Wednesday

Jesus was the most spirit-filled man ever. Every time Jesus was filled with or operated by the Holy Spirit, He did something that made us look on, admire, respect and want to be like Him. People were helped and drawn to Him, the devil was humiliated, good things happened, and God was glorified. (Acts 10:38, Matthew 4:23)

- Looking at Jesus, what qualities of the Holy Spirit do you see?

Thursday

The Holy Spirit's main purpose/ministry is within our personal, daily life. He wants to help us and to make us effective. We are to be filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. There are three Greek words to describe this: 1. (*para*) "with you" — "prior" to salvation He is working, drawing, knocking, protecting, convicting, convincing, and "after" He never leaves. 2. (*en*) "in you" — upon being born again, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit, He lives in and dwells in you. 3. (*epi*) "upon you"—This is separate and distinct from the previous, meaning filled, overflowing. This is the fullness or baptism in the Holy Spirit, accompanied by a special gift: prayer language (tongues). Whatever your view, background, tradition, experience: full is better. In a new reality, full is vital. (John 16:13-15)

- How can/has the Holy Spirit become a part of your new reality?

Friday

God doesn't control you. He provides the power/ability for you to control yourself. The Holy Spirit is the Helper, The Agent of action, and the power of the Godhead. He helps us in whatever way that we need help. He knows how to set you free, find your keys, heal your hurts, find a job, heal your home, and deliver you from temptation. Living in a new reality, you need help and He is the Helper. (Luke 11:11-13)

- Expect and look for the Holy Spirit to help and comfort you today.

Memorization: Luke.11:13 (NKJV)

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."