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LIVING IN THE  
*Power of Pentecost*

# Freedom Beyond the System

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Not all prisons have bars. Some of the most powerful prisons in the world are built with ideas—beliefs about who we are, what we are worth, and what life is supposed

to be. Many of the systems around us quietly reinforce those ideas. They tell us we are simply a cog in a machine, a consumer to be targeted, a demographic to be analyzed, or a vote to be counted.

The Bible tells an ancient story that feels surprisingly relevant today. In the book of Exodus, Egypt is more than a nation—it represents a system built on control and exploitation. Pharaoh's chilling command captures the spirit of that system: *"Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies"* (Exodus 5:9 NIV).

For 400 years the people of Israel lived inside that environment. Eventually, they didn't just live like slaves—they began to think like slaves.

Then God sent Moses with a radical message: You were not created for this.

God led the Israelites out of Egypt in a dramatic act of deliverance. But while it took only days to leave Egypt behind, it took 40 years in the wilderness for Egypt to leave their hearts and minds. Freedom required more than a change of location—it required a transformation of identity.

In the wilderness, God taught them three essential truths: who He really is, who they really are, and how to become the people they were created to be.

God did not rescue Israel merely to free them from Pharaoh. He rescued them so they would know Him—and discover the freedom that comes from walking in relationship with Him.

That same invitation remains open today.

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# Return to His Ways

by Ben Ledger

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I love driving. While I think often of family road trips, one thing I don't think about is my licensing ceremony. Even though I rarely recall that event, I would not be able to drive at all if not for that day. The same can be true for marriage, military service, or even being awarded a ceremonious honour. Much of what happens afterwards does not cause us to relive such ceremonies. They're just entryways through which we can begin to exist in a new state.

Sometimes, though, it's good to return to those entryways.

I drive differently now than I did after my licensing ceremony. I have far greater comfort and confidence. I don't drive with the anxiety I used to. But there are times when I don't observe everything that's around me. There are times when I'm distracted. During times like that, it would be good to remember how the judge impressed upon me that driving is a great and serious responsibility.

On the straight and narrow road Jesus paved, we exist in a new state of redemption. We have more comfort with the Spirit, more confidence in speaking to and about God, and less anxiety. We're not constantly wondering, "Am I doing this right?" But if we grow unobservant or distracted—or become unsure of where to go, Paul gives us these directions that harken back to when we first made our declaration of faith:

***Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses*** (1 Timothy 6:12 NLT).



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## LIVING IN THE *Power of Pentecost*

**P**entecost is one of Christianity’s central feasts because it celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the launch of the Church’s mission.

The same Spirit who empowered believers in Jerusalem still empowers the Church to boldly share the Gospel today. Faithful partners like you help make that possible for the 700 Club Canada through media evangelism, prayer, and discipleship.

The name comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē* (“fiftieth”), referring to the 50th day after Passover when many Jewish pilgrims were gathered in Jerusalem for *Shavuot* (the Feast of Weeks). This helps explain why Pentecost’s message was heard across cultures and eagerly carried outward.

In Acts 2, Jesus’ followers were gathered in a house when they heard a sound like a *rushing mighty wind* and tongues as of fire rested upon them (NKJV).

They began to speak in other languages, and the crowd heard *the wonderful works of God* in their own tongues. Peter explained this as God fulfilling His promise to pour out the Holy Spirit and call people to faith in the risen Christ. The chapter ends with baptism, fellowship, teaching, and prayer—practices that became the foundation for Christian community. In a similar way today, media evangelism helps the Gospel be heard clearly, prayer ministry guides people to respond to the Lord with faith, and discipleship helps new believers grow into mature followers of Christ.

Pentecost shows us what a Spirit-filled ministry looks like—and why partnership matters. The Holy Spirit is God at work in and among His people—guiding, convicting, and comforting us. The work we do is not just about producing content. Rather, it’s about helping people encounter the Lord through Scripture and prayer. Your giving helps provide the training our staff need to help others along their spiritual journey.



with Gordon Robertson

*Is it wrong to ask God to help you find something you've misplaced?*

Not at all—God cares about every detail of your life. He knows all things, and He is more than able to show you where something is. My mother once had a charm bracelet go missing. She prayed, and later it was simply there in her jewelry box again.

It was so unexpected that she believed God had sent an angel to pick it up from wherever it was and put it back where it belonged.

So, is it okay to ask God for help like that? Yes, it's more than okay. In fact, I encourage it. The Bible says God numbers the very hairs on your head (see Luke 12:7), which means nothing about you is too small for His attention.

He doesn't want you to be frustrated or anxious, wondering if something is lost forever. He wants to be with you in the everyday moments—reminding you that He is actively caring for you.



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Across the Christian world, Pentecost is celebrated in varied ways, often 50 days after Easter. It is frequently recognized as a continuing promise of empowerment for ministry—encouraging believers to pray for boldness and renewal. God is actively at work, transforming hearts that are seeking to worship, serve, and share His love with others.

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# Following God's Lead

by SHIREEN SPENCER  
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Amidst voices, noise, distractions, and chaos, it can sometimes be very hard to know where God is leading.

Psalm 32:8 tells us, *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you* (NIV).

God wants us to know the way to go. In His love and under His watchful eye, He wants our life journey to go smoothly.

Following God's lead in our daily lives involves actively drawing close to God. Through consistent prayer, even if it's brief, we can keep connected throughout the day.

Reading our Bibles and meditating—asking God, “What are You saying in Your Word?” helps us to understand His will and obey His promptings for daily decisions, even when difficult, showing we trust Him when we don't see the whole picture.

Sharing our thoughts with people we trust who have godly discernment helps us make choices that honour Him. We can be kept accountable and supported.

When we have the desire to hear God, we learn to prioritize God's will and kingdom over personal ambitions and comforts. We learn to submit to Him. We begin to develop a listening heart and align with the Bible. Scripture says His Word lights our way: *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path* (Psalm 119:105).

Our journey is step-by-step. We follow His Word so that we are not being led away from His will.

Hearing God is not always easy, but we pray, read His Word, and follow Him.



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