



PRELUDE TO PENTECOST AND YOUR DAUGHTERS DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Joel 2:28-29 ESV

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Opening Thoughts:

- Pentecost was the fulfillment of prophecy and continues to fulfill prophecy until Jesus returns.
- Pentecost cannot be discovered without acknowledging the vital role women, mothers, daughters played in leading the birth of the church and revivals.
- Who are the women of faith that have influenced your life? What is your understanding of the role of women in the work of the ministry? What leadership roles do you believe women should assume?

Key Takeaway: Pentecost is for everyone.

Key Text: Galatians 3:28 ESV

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- This is the power and effect of Pentecost, what was once divided is now made one.
- God is no respecter of persons, He looks for availability, not ability. Anyone can be a vessel for His glory.
- There are two theological views on women in ministry:
Complementarian—the viewpoint that God restricts women from serving in certain church leadership roles and instead calls women to serve in equally important, but complementary roles.
Egalitarian—the viewpoint that there are no biblical gender-based restrictions on ministry in the church.
- How does your view of women in leadership in the church line up with these views? Can you think of any women in the Bible that fulfilled leadership roles in the church, including fivefold leaders (Ephesians 4:11-12)?

Revelations from the daughters of revival:

1) Mary Magdalene—the first evangelist.

- Read John 20:11-18. The first person to “go and tell” about the resurrection of Jesus was a woman, Mary from Magdala. Jesus had set her free from seven demons and she had been a faithful follower since then.
- Mary was the first to see Jesus after His resurrection and the first evangelist of the Gospel, but the men didn’t believe her when she brought the good news.
- What is the first thing that comes to your mind when Mary Magdalene is mentioned? How about others like Thomas, or Bartimaeus, or the woman that touched the hem of Jesus’ garment? Do you think of their state *before* encountering Christ, or *after* encountering Christ?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What *should* we remember most about Mary, as well as all believers? What can we learn from Mary?
- Her past did not disqualify her from being the first evangelist. It doesn’t matter how our story begins, God writes the end and we just need to trust Him with the pen.
- Principle: God doesn’t consult our past to create our future.

2) Priscilla—a first century missionary and church planter.

- Read Romans 16:3-5, Acts 18:1-3, Acts 18:26. Priscilla hosted a church in her own home, and worked alongside her husband in planting churches with the apostle Paul. Together they discipled new believers such as Apollos.
- Who are some strong women leaders, past or present, that have been a great influence in the Kingdom of God? What were their roles and their giftings in their work of the ministry? What can you learn personally from the example of Priscilla as recorded in Scripture?
- Principle: Our home can be more than a safe place for our family, it can be a sanctuary to many. All we have to do is open the door.

3) Phoebe—a deacon in the church.

- Read Romans 16:1-2. Phoebe was a leader and highly commended to the church at Rome by Paul. Many believe Phoebe delivered the letter from Paul to the Romans. Why do you think Paul chose Phoebe? Can you imagine the scene when she arrived with the letter? What might have been the reaction by the church leaders when she arrived?
- The word *servant* in the ESV is translated from the Greek word *diakonos*, which is both a masculine and feminine noun. The word was used by the early church to designate an official leadership position. Paul used the word in describing leaders such as Jesus, Tychicus, Epaphras, Timothy, Phoebe, as well as his own ministry. It is a word that simply meant “minister.”
- Read Hebrews 12:1. How do you think Phoebe would have described herself and her leadership role? What can we learn from the acknowledgement of Phoebe as a leader in the early church? Can you imagine her as one of the “great cloud of witnesses” cheering you on? There are far more cheers coming from the multitude in the great cloud of witnesses than from those jeering as they sit idle in the stands.
- Principle: The church needs daughters of revival leading the way, willing to be sent as ministers advancing the Kingdom of God.

Application:

- **Takeaway: Pentecost is for everyone.**
- Blessing for the daughters of Revival (if you are a woman, speak this over yourself and over all the women in your life):

In the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ we bless every mother, every grandmother and every daughter with the fullness, the richness of God’s greatest blessings today.

We rise up and call you blessed. You are Daughters of Revival called to be a Doorkeepers to His presence.

We bless your heart to be filled with Love and Your spirit to be filled with life. May all the works of your hands flourish by His Grace. You have freely given to those entrusted to you and placed under your care. We affirm you today and validate your worth, which is of greater worth than gold. Where you have sown in tears, may you return with joy reaping a harvest 100 times greater.

We call in your sons and daughters this day. To the prodigal, the lost, the wayward...we call them to return to the true seed you faithfully sowed into their lives. Our God is not a man that He should lie. He assures that His word does not return void, so neither shall yours.

We bless your home with safety and security as His angels guard you. I declare that worry and fear shall not find a place within your house to hide. The door mat to your home says, Holy Spirit you are welcome here. Therefore, let the heavens above you open up and may every prayer find the ears of Our lord. May your worship and intercession be a fragrant offering and sweet smell to our Father. May the whispers of your heart find their answer in Him.

We bless your mind to be filled with truth and your lips to flow with wisdom. May your guidance and grace serve others well.

Let your children rise up and call you blessed. For blessed are those who you are! As you go forth in the fear of the Lord, may you constantly hear ringing in your ears, "You are my beloved and I am well pleased with you."

We bless you today with joy, joy, joy, and life and in all its fullness. "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."