

A Pentecost Generation:

Acts 2: 16-18...**16**but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: **17**'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; **18**EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.



Introduction

What does it mean to step out of our comfort zone? It means stepping out of the familiar into the unfamiliar. It means to challenge yourself to the point where as the YWAM'er say, "TRUST GOD OR DIE". Stepping out of our comfort zones should be for all Christians but for all of us challenged to do so, only a few will actually do it.

A. WHAT ARE COMFORT ZONES

These are the familiars in terms of your journey as a Christian. Comfort Zones are things that make you comfortable as a Christian. Maybe you are someone who cannot openly share about your faith or you cannot lift your hands in worship or maybe praying for people

Read Acts 2:1-14

1. Describe the feeling of the disciples as they sat at the Upper Room on this day?
2. When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, what were the manifestations in the room?
3. Why did the religious Jews in Jerusalem that day found it hard to believe what they were hearing and maybe seeing?
4. What was different about the disciples when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. What was the reaction of people when they heard from the disciples?
6. Has Peter ever preached to a crowd like this before?
7. What is Peter's background and do you think that it contributed to his ability to share as he did on this day?
8. What changed for Peter the day he received the Holy Spirit?
9. Is the Holy Spirit important for one's spiritual journey? If yes, why? If not, why not?

❖ **Receive Power and become more effective in Christ Jesus.**

Read Acts 2:22-44

10. What do you think were Peter's comfort zones before the Holy Spirit came upon him?
11. Was Peter a Pastor, a preacher, an evangelist before receiving the Holy Spirit?
12. What was Peter's qualification to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
13. Peter received power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit that allowed him to step out of His comfort zone. Identify 3 things that changed for Peter the day that the Holy Spirit came upon him.
14. What is the answer to Peter's new found boldness?
15. What happened to people as they heard from the disciples on this day?
16. If the disciples had not received the Holy Spirit, do you think their ministry would have changed or been different?

❖ **What do I need to step out of my comfort zone?**

Be Still

Psalms 46:10 - He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Seek the Lord

Isaiah 55:6-7 **6**Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. **7**Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him.

Wait upon the Lord

Isaiah 40:31: ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Receive from the Lord

Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Luke 12:12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;