



OVERCOMING OBSTACLE #1

Acts 2:1-13

- A. The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
 - 1. Hearing: Sound Like a Mighty Wind
 - 2. Seeing: Tongues of Fire
 - 3. Saying: Speaking in Other Tongues
- B. The Response of the Crowd (Acts 2:5-13)
 - 1. Hearing: Bewildered
 - 2. Seeing: Amazed and Astonished
 - 3. Saying: Comments from the God-fearing Jews
 - a. What's up with these Galileans?
 - b. How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?
 - c. We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.
 - 4. Reaction of the Mockers
 - a. They are drunk!

Discussion Questions

1. Read Acts 2:1-4. Why Did The Holy Spirit Come So Dramatically? Discuss. (Quest SBN)
2. Read Acts 2:5-11. What three ways did the God-fearing Jews visiting Jerusalem react when they heard the disciples speaking their languages?
3. Read Acts 2:12-13. How could some have confused the foreign languages with drinks babble? Discuss.
4. How would being more aware of the Spirit's presence as you go though life would change how you interact with those who do not know Jesus? Discuss.
5. What practically do you need to change about your daily routine to be more aware of the Spirit's leading in your life?
6. Pray together for insight on how to know God more completely, to carry out his mission, and to honor him with your daily lives.

"The word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word pentēkostē, which means "fiftieth." Hellenistic Jews used this name to "denote the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), also called the Feast of the Harvest, which begins fifty days after the Passover meal (Lev. 23:15-16; Deut. 16:9-10)."

Acts 2:1-13 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



The Jews living around the world were known as the Diaspora, that is, "the dispersed" or "the scattered ones" (cf. James 1:1, I Peter 1:1). Luke names 15 of the places from which the visitors had traveled, which covered much of the known world, including lands outside of Roman control. The places didn't represent physical distance as much as the variation in language, a much more difficult obstacle to evangelism. On this day, however, the Holy Spirit proved his ability and intent to overcome any obstacle to communicate God's truth and carry out God's plan of redemption.