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JESUS GIVES HIS PARISH LIFE

Talk 4: Jesus Gives Us The Holy Spirit

Quote 1: "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." *Luke 24:49*

Quote 2: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." *Romans 5:5*

Quote 3: "How much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
Luke 11:13

Quote 4: "Is it not true that nearly all Christians prove unfaithful to the promises made to Jesus in baptism? Where does this universal failure come from, if not from the fact that scarcely anyone makes a personal ratification of the contract made with God through his sponsors. In this devotion I am presenting to you we do even more than at baptism...we give ourselves to Jesus personally and freely and we are fully aware of what we are doing." *St. Louis de Momfort*

Quote 5: "Be open to Christ. Welcome the Spirit so that a new Pentecost can take place in every community! A new humanity, a joyful one, will arise from your midst. You will again experience the saving power of the Lord and what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled."
Pope John Paul II

Prayer for the Outpouring of the Spirit

Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptize me with the Holy Spirit and fire. I need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live as a child of God and to carry on with your works. I ask you for a mighty release of the Holy Spirit with all his gifts. I want to be clothed with power from on high. I want to be your witness. I humble myself before you this day knowing that it is your desire that I be empowered for new life. I wish to receive all that you have to give me. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life?
- 2) What did you think about renewing your baptismal commitment? Had you done this before?
- 3) What was your experience of praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
- 4) Do you feel ready to make a commitment to Jesus as Lord?
- 5) How do you want the Holy Spirit to help you in your life?