

Friday - March 15

I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power on high. Luke 24:49

Jesus was telling his disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive the Holy Spirit which we know happened on Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks. Each of us who say yes to God's calling are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said He would always be with us, that we will never be alone.

In October, we said goodbye to Dad. He was 92 and the time had come. My Dad was a perfectionist. This was evident in his work, his music and seasonal gardening. The staked rows of tomatoes in his garden were straight. He played piano for Church services attended in West Virginia, Ohio and Florida. Music for the Lord was to be played right. Growing up in our hometown EUB Church in West Virginia, Dad led youth choirs and Christmas Cantatas several years. We siblings remember.

We gathered in Dundee, Ohio for a Celebration of Life service for Dad. He was a perfectionist but like all of us, he was not perfect. I spoke at his service and reminded family and friends that the Bible is full of stories of imperfect people whom God chose to use for His purposes. We know the stories. Many of the people were in the lineage leading to the time of Jesus. We firmly believe God uses us for His purposes. In all of our imperfection, we have a place in God's plan.

On a daily basis, the Holy Spirit guides and directs us. It is uncanny the prompts and prods received as we pursue life and work. In awe and reverence, I can only pause and say, "thank you, Lord." Sometimes, I attribute these gifts are from Guardian Angels or Messengers from God, but they are all gifts made possible by the Holy Spirit. No, I have not received powers as those at Pentecost received. However, Jesus said He would never leave us alone in this life and He has kept His promise.

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Prayer: Gracious God, we give thanks for the life and ministry of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our days of living for your purposes. Amen.