

## Acts 2- Unreasonable Faith

*be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

*18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Ephesians 1:18-19*

The Holy Spirit often impresses so deeply upon us that it can be as if we are hearing His words aloud.

Whether we read it in his word or he places it on our hearts, obedience must be the primary outcome of hearing from God.

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4*

*5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Acts 2:1-12*

*13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Acts 2:13*

God does his best work with the most unreasonable people.

*15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!  
16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: Acts 2:15*

***37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Acts 2:37***

When we are confronted with the realities about God we either move toward Christ with a greater commitment to obedience or we move away from him.

***38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:38-41***

***Final Challenges:***

***Individual-*** Take the gospel message into your world in your own language.

***Church-*** Stop relying on only on our own gifts and abilities to accomplish our tasks.