

Listen for God's Message

Scripture: Acts 2:14-24

Date: March 23, 2021

Message:

It has always astounded me that Peter needed to tell those who gathered on the day of Pentecost that the apostles were not drunk but gifted by the Holy Spirit. How could this group of "God-fearing Jews" have missed God's miracle and assumed these men, the closest followers of Jesus, were simply drunk? Would I have listened to their words in my own language, or would I have been distracted by the crowd and quickly ignored God's message tailored for me?

With the endless distractions and overwhelming messages directed at me each minute of every day, I am afraid I too quickly discount those who may be sharing God's message with me. It is too easy for me to discount the messages of others and move on to my next task or next news feed.

During this Lenten season, I am praying for God to help me be more aware of the messages God is sharing with me through those whom I meet each day. I will slow down and not simply move to the next story or task before asking what God's message is for me. Through these actions, I seek to realize God's miracles and not disregard them through worldly explanations. I hope you will join me in listening for God's messages around us each day instead of missing the words God has tailored especially for each of us.

Prayer: *Thank you, God, for sending your Holy Spirit to be with me each day! Please help me to hear and recognize the messages You give me today and help me to have the strength to share Your Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone I meet. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

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