

UNLEASHED!

DAY 6— Boldly Stand for Christ and Follow Him Fully

Acts 2:14; 4:1–31

Time Alone with God

Prayer

Explore the Word

Read Acts 1:13; 2:1–5, 11. Was Peter in the upper room? What did the Holy Spirit do through him and the others in the room at Pentecost?

Insights from Ellen White:

The scene is one full of interest. Behold the people coming from all directions to hear the disciples witness to the truth as it is in Jesus. They press in, crowding the temple. Priests and rulers are there, the dark scowl of malignity still on their faces, their hearts still filled with abiding hatred against Christ, their hands uncleansed from the blood shed when they crucified the world's Redeemer. They had thought to find the apostles cowed with fear under the strong hand of oppression and murder, but they find them lifted above all fear and filled with the Spirit, proclaiming with power the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. They hear them declaring with boldness that the One so recently humiliated, derided, smitten by cruel hands, and crucified, is the Prince of life, now exalted to the right hand of God. (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 42)

Prayer Focus

Pray for holy boldness to be who the Holy Spirit has called you to be!

Family/Friend Circle

Connect Activity

Ask your family/friend group, "When and where do you feel the most confident to speak?" Give everyone a chance to share. Today we will explore Holy Spirit-led confidence.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Explore the Word

Read Acts 2:14. Considering that Peter had publicly declared he did not know Jesus about seven weeks before Pentecost, what surprising steps did Peter take when filled with the Holy Spirit?

Insights from Ellen White:

They could speak the name of Jesus with assurance; for was He not their Friend and Elder Brother? Brought into close communion with Christ, they sat with Him in heavenly places. With what burning language they clothed their ideas as they bore witness for Him! Their hearts were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying to the power of Christ. They were filled with an intense longing to carry forward the work He had begun. They realized the greatness of their debt to heaven and the responsibility of their work. Strengthened by the endowment of the Holy Spirit, they went forth filled with zeal to extend the triumphs of the cross. The Spirit animated them and spoke through them. The peace of Christ shone from their faces. They had consecrated their lives to Him for service, and their very features bore evidence to the surrender they had made. (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 46)

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Holy Spirit to free each person in your family and friendship circle to be able to share the good news of Jesus with anyone.