

UNLEASHED!

DAY 7— Disciple Children and All Generations to Speak for Jesus

Acts 2:17,18

Time Alone with God

Prayer

Explore the Word

Read Joel 2:28, 29. What was prophesied about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this passage?

Insights from Ellen White:

God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. From the humblest lot those whom He has seen faithful have in time past been called to witness for Him in the world's highest places. And many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. The whole world is opening to the gospel. . . . From every quarter of this world of ours comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. . . . It rests with us who have received the knowledge, with our children to whom we may impart it, to answer their cry. To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (*The Adventist Home*, p. 484)

Prayer Focus

Pray for God to make your life a fulfillment of this ancient prophecy.

Family/Friend Circle

Connect Activity

Look around at your circle of family/friends. Have each person name a hobby or skill that they would like to learn from someone in the circle. Just as we pass on talents to our family and friends, we can also pass on faith, courage, and a missionary spirit.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Explore the Word

Read Acts 2:17, 18 and Malachi 4:5, 6. How does the message in Malachi prepare the hearts of families to be part of the last-day prophecy described in Acts 2:17, 18?

Insights from Ellen White:

Parents should in a special sense regard themselves as agents of God to instruct their children, as did Abraham, to keep the way of the Lord. They need to search the Scriptures diligently, to know what is the way of the Lord, that they may teach it to their household. Micah says, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" [Micah 6:8.] In order to be teachers, parents must be learners, gathering light constantly from the oracles of God and by precept and example bringing this precious light into the education of their children.

From the light that God has given me, I know that the husband and the wife are to be in the home minister, physician, nurse, and teacher, binding their children to themselves and to God, training them to avoid every habit that will in any way militate against God's work in the body, and teaching them to care for every part of the living organism. (*The Adventist Home*, p. 184)

Prayer Focus

Ask God to fill you with extra love and turn your heart back toward any family member with whom you need healing.