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**Witness Unhindered:**  
**“The Promised Spirit”**  
 Acts 2: 1-21

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**Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:**

*“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.  
 Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
 Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;  
 and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
 No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
 No angel vision, no opening skies;  
 but take the dimness of my soul away.” – George Croly*

*“The work of the Spirit is Christocentric. He will draw attention not to himself but to Christ. He will glorify Christ. It is the things of Christ that he takes and declares, that is, his ministry is built upon and is the necessary sequel to that of Christ . . . Wherever a church or person centers thoughtfully (that is, biblically and evangelically) on honoring the person, teaching, and work of Jesus Christ, there, we may be quite sure, we are in the presence of the Holy Spirit. For the Spirit’s work is the thoughtful honoring of Christ.”*  
 – Dale Bruner

**Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:**

- What from the Scripture passage or the sermon made an impression upon you? Are there lingering questions to be answered or rabbit trails to be followed for you?
- Reading, hearing, revisiting this famous passage from Acts 2, is there anything new or different that strikes you since the last time you encountered it?
- What has been your experience with the Holy Spirit?
  - Are you more comfortable with, well-versed in talk about Jesus or God?
  - Are there questions you have about the person and work of the Spirit?
  - Have you had interactions with other believers who might emphasize the Spirit in way that is different from you?
- Dale Bruner focuses and simplifies the ministry of the Holy Spirit in his words above.
  - What do you find helpful or clarifying in his words?
  - What do you make of his assertion that if we encounter a person or church making much of the person and work of Christ, then we are experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit?
  - How else do you or other Christians measure or account for the presence or filling of the Holy Spirit?
- How has God been “speaking your language” and revealing himself to you through the Scriptures?
- How does God’s gracious inclusion into/expansion of his covenant strike you?