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**Question:** Where in your life does God still feel distant?

**Practice:** Spend a few quiet moments asking God to help you trust His nearness today.

### **Day 2 Heaven Comes Down Genesis 11:4–9 & Acts 2:5–11**

**Reflection:** At Babel, humanity tried to climb upward and make a name for itself. At Pentecost, God came downward in grace. Languages that once divided people became a way for people to hear the good news together. We do not reach heaven by our effort. God comes near to us.

**Question:** Where are you trying to control or achieve what only God can give?

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### Day 3      **Waiting Together**      **Acts 1:13–14**

**Reflection:** The disciples waited in prayer and obedience. They did not manufacture the Spirit or earn God’s favor. They simply remained where Jesus told them to be. Sometimes God’s greatest work begins in quiet faithfulness before it becomes visible power.

**Question:** What area of your life requires patient trust right now?

**Practice:** Set aside five minutes today to sit quietly and pray without rushing.

### Day 4      **Wind and Fire**      **Acts 2:1–4**

**Reflection:** The Spirit came like rushing wind and holy fire. Wind brings breath to lifeless places. Fire purifies and empowers. Pentecost was not meant to be a harmless religious memory. God’s Spirit came to transform ordinary people from within.

**Question:** What part of your life most needs renewal or courage?

**Practice: Pray:** “Holy Spirit, breathe new life into me today.”

### Day 5      **Do You Want to Be Healed? John 5:5–9**

**Reflection:** Jesus asked a suffering man, “Do you want to be healed?” Healing sounds simple until we realize change can be costly. Sometimes we want comfort more than transformation. The Spirit comes not only to encourage us, but to reshape us.

**Question:** What change might God be inviting you to stop resisting?

**Practice:** Ask God for courage to surrender one area of your life more fully.

### Day 6      **From Fear to Courage**      **Acts 2:14**

**Reflection:** Peter once denied Jesus out of fear. After Pentecost, he stood publicly and proclaimed Christ with courage. The evidence of the Spirit is not merely emotion or excitement. The Spirit changes how we live, speak, love, and serve.

**Question:** Where is fear keeping you silent or hesitant?

**Practice:** Take one small courageous step in faith today.

### Day 7      **The Fire Rests on People**      **Acts 2:42–47**

**Reflection:** At Sinai, fire rested on a mountain. At Pentecost, fire rested on people. God’s presence is no longer confined to a place. The Spirit fills ordinary believers and sends them into the world with compassion, courage, and purpose.

**Question:** How might God want to work through your ordinary life this week?

**Practice:** Begin today praying: “Holy Spirit, use my life for Your purposes.”

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