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Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *The Christian's heart is the Holy Spirit's home.*

The late, great American preacher, Ernest T. Campbell, tells the story of an Anglican bishop who was asked to preach at a Christian conference in England. For many weeks he did not respond to the invitation. Finally, the corresponding secretary for the conference wrote this insistent note: "We must know," he said, "if you are coming. We need to make our plans."

The bishop wrote back that he was waiting for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the matter, and he would let them know his decision in four weeks. An exasperated secretary fired back this letter: "Bishop, please don't bother. Cancel the invitation. We are not interested in having anyone speak at our conference who lives four weeks away from the Holy Spirit."

Four weeks away from the Holy Spirit! That's not what Jesus had in mind when he said that he would send the "Comforter" to his disciples and followers. "Comforter" is another word for the Holy Spirit. The Greek word is *paracletos*.

The Bible reading for today gives us an account of the Holy Spirit coming upon those early disciples. The Holy Spirit mediates the presence of Jesus to us. The Holy Spirit also empowers and enables us to do the work of ministry to which Jesus has called us. There is no waiting period. There is no delivery time. There is no delay. The Holy Spirit's presence is immediate and real.

We can understand the bishop's hesitation. He was not clear on what the Holy Spirit was leading him to do. Still, the secretary made a good point, too! Often we fail to lean on and to trust the immediate presence of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Loving Holy Spirit, come as a fire, come as a wind, come as a dove — and fill my soul with good things, transform my weak desire into powerful passion for Your work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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SOUNDS THE SAME!

Homonyms are words with the same spelling but different pronunciations and meanings, such as a "minute" (60 seconds) and "minute" (very small). Each sentence below has two blanks that you are to fill with the same word.

1. The strong _____ caused the flag to _____ around the flagpole.
2. The violinist replaced his violin and _____ before returning to the stage to take a _____.
3. The doctor _____ some gauze around her bleeding _____.
4. She got a _____ in her eye when she saw the _____ in her new dress.
5. A _____ broke out in the last _____ of the classroom.
6. You should not _____ someone in the _____ without water and food.
7. He _____ for days because he could not afford the scooter, a bright red _____.
8. Our Japanese host asked us not, for his _____, to drink all the _____ because he needed some for other guests.
9. The _____ violin player loved to fish, especially for _____.
10. In a herd of elk, you'll notice that _____ do not have antlers, while the dominant buck _____.

Answers: 1. wind, 2. bow, 3. wound, 4. tear, 5. row, 6. desert, 7. moped, 8. sake, 9. bass, 10. does