

6/8/25 SALT CO

“You don’t know what I got”

POWER!

Acts 2:1-47

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...” Acts 2:1-2

WELCOME TO THE SALT CO!

Welcome those who are joining us online.

Let us know you’re here! Email us at seasonedadults@calvarywestlake.org

SALT CO is the HUB of Seasoned Adult Ministry. For anyone new...by SEASONED ADULTS we mean:

SEASONED AS IN...

Chronologically-- we’ve lived a lot of seasons of life

BUT more importantly-

Spiritually--- ...like when sodium and chlorine combined are transformed through a visible **reaction** to make a NEW chemical compound called: SALT... by the grace of God’s Holy Spirit in us, when we receive Christ into our lives, we become like THIS [gesture: one hand—two hands—joined together. And we experience a **LIFE LONG transformational spiritual PROCESS** of becoming more and more like Christ himself.

JESUS CALLS US THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

And this is the SALT CO (where we pull off the road to gather, AND share stories about how to faithfully navigate the ever-changing terrain on Route 60+; and Route 60++...and +++...

A place where we:

Re-fresh

Re-fuel

And sometimes even...*Re-tool*

SALT TALK

Today is Pentecost! Fifty days after Jesus rose from the grave. For forty days He opened up the minds and hearts of friends and strangers to what new life looks like in what we call the VIA LUCIS, the Way of Light, or Stations of the Resurrection. All to prepare them for what Jesus told his followers to wait for in Jerusalem...

He said,

“...you will receive power [DUNAMIN] when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Then they watched Jesus ascend- to rule over heaven and earth.

Ten days later, 40 days of Resurrection appearances +10=50, *Pentecost*.

Here is how Luke describes what happened.

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

Acts 1:2-4

The Greek word for “violent” is best translated as ... violent! The image of a hurricane comes to mind. When we lived in Florida we had to learn how to get ready. For phenomenally powerful wind moving from high pressure to low pressure. When Jesus died the curtain in the Temple dividing the Holy of Holies and the outer court ripped in two from top to bottom. Meaning, in Jesus’ victory over sin, death and Satan, high pressure heaven air came

pouring, like an “atmospheric river”, cascading down into low pressure earth.

Ever since Pentecost, the Spirit has been flooding into all creation. Go outside and feel the wind...

That Pentecost day the powerful presence of God’s Spirit filled that house of Jesus’ awaiting people and powered up each one of them to become a sign, a signal, like the pillar of fire leading those Hebrew slaves out of Egypt, with the ability to “speak” so others could hear the good news- the kingdom of God is near and available to each one of us.

That day Peter became a preacher. He stood up with the Eleven to tell Jerusalem what was going on. He started with the prophet Joel,

***“In the last days it will be, God declares,
That I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy...”***

Acts 2:17-18

I LOVE it! The beginning of Intergenerational ministry is right here!

Acts is the Acts of the Holy Spirit moving out, launching the Christian movement= the birth of Christ’s Church.

The wind continues to pour down out of heaven. The power of the Lord by His Spirit is at work all the time. Feel His breath in every wisp of wind.

C.S. Lewis said,

“In the Christian life you are not usually looking at him [the Holy Spirit]. He is always acting through you. If you think of the Father as something ‘out there’, in front of you, and of the Son as someone standing at your side, helping you to pray, trying to turn you into another son [or daughter], then you have to think of the third Person as something inside you, or behind you.” Mere Christianity

... giving us strength, moving us, prompting us, if we are willing (to “turn around”). The “Holy” in Holy Spirit means that we are being shaped, into “holiness”, “godliness” = restored to our true humanity, our calling.

That’s a mouth full! To flesh this out take a look at this five-minute video from the Bible Project:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=Bible+project+youtu+ube+video+royal+priests&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:e3c8e5ed,vid:Tw-bBfBDpE0,st:0>

As we like to say here at Calvary, the Holy Spirit is helping us every day to say and do what Jesus said and did. To live and love like Jesus.

So THAT: we can be “living proof of a loving God”!

Here’s the point: What God gets through us God can get to us.

God means for you and me **to become the kind of people HE can pour His resurrection power through to this hurting world. It’s kind of like: He created a massive irrigation system designed to bring living water to every nook and cranny of this world through those who are connected in trust to the SOURCE!**

By getting in the flow of the Spirit we are filled with His Spirit.

So what can we take from what happened that first Pentecost in how we get into the flow of the Spirit of God? Well...let’s get practical.

Imagine that you are car (what kind of car are you??)

Now think about the FUEL you need! Can't drive if you don't put in some gas...gotta plug in some cars these days. No matter what kind of car you are you need POWER!

Power to D.R.I.V.E.! The five “motivators” for Seasoned Adults Ministry in the acronym D.R.I.V.E.:

D- Daily disciplines. For mind, heart, body, soul and relationships.

-You see this in the response to the down pouring Spirit on the first Christians in their life together, daily disciplines of worship, soaking in God's word, prayer, service, giving.

R- Robust vision. Really BIG vision! All based on the Risen Jesus!

-In Peter's sermon he says to the questioning world,

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear.” Acts 2:32-33

-We know where this all is heading. We know how this goes. We have a robust vision of the future.

I-Intergenerational friendships. How else can we leverage wisdom for living and loving like Jesus with the next generations?

-Assumes proximity!

-Next season stay tuned for Round Table

V- Vocational clarity. In other words, we know why we are on the planet. Our lives matter. As the video we just saw said, we are “royal priests”, but I think we also must add one more thing we are. We are also gardeners!
ROYAL PRIEST GARDENERS!

-What SALT CO is all about

E- Enjoy God! Speaks for itself!

-One great way to enjoy God this summer is to get out into His creation and experience your “re-creation”!

Here’s a very important truth: We DRIVE on FOUR TIRES!

First Tire- Cultivate the life of the mind.

Second Tire- Cultivate life together

Third Tire- Cultivate life for others. Why we Walk the Talk! What God can get through you God can get to you.

Fourth Tire- Cultivate our own lives.

-Disciplines for taking care of our car, rest, exercise, diet, seeing to what needs attending to. Wise use of time, physical and mental health. More on this next season.

When it became clear to us that Seasoned Adults Ministry at CCC was going to be about how to drive on four tires, guess what came to our minds how to have some fun with our joy? You got it, time we needed to have a CAR SHOW! More on that after we spend some time at our tables.

TABLE TALK

1. Tell a story about being caught in a mighty wind.
2. Talk about disciplines that help you stay tuned to the Spirit
3. Talk about a time when you felt “led” or helped by the Spirit.
4. Thinking about the “Four Tires”, which needs some more “air” right now?
5. If you were a car, what car would you be? Why?
6. All cars need a tune up and repairs from time to time. Where do you need some work?

WRAP UP

What are we like when we “DRIVE on FOUR TIRES”?

We’re like a pedal to the medal, supercharged turbo V8

Reminds me of a song about a car. Take a listen with these words, written by the great American philosopher Brian Wilson: The words are on the back of your Table Sheet. Enjoy!

“Little Deuce Coupe”

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=youtube+video+of+song+Little+DeuceOr+Coupe&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:d8bb3c74,vid:NwgGuadsqyo,st:0>

WORDS ON BACK OF TABLE TALK SHEET

“Little deuce coupe

You don't know what I got (you don't know what I got)

Little deuce coupe

You don't know what I got

Well, I'm not bragging babe, so don't put me down (deuce coupe)

But I've got the fastest set of wheels in town (deuce coupe)

When something comes up to me, he don't even try (deuce coupe)

'Cause if I had a set of wings, man I know she could fly

She's my little deuce coupe

You don't know what I got

(My little deuce coupe)

(You don't know what I got)

Just a little deuce coupe with a flathead mill (deuce coupe)

But she'll walk a Thunderbird like she's standing still (deuce coupe)

She's ported and relieved, and she's stroked and bored

She'll do a hundred and forty with the top end floored

She's my little deuce coupe

You don't know what I got

(My little deuce coupe)

(You don't know what I got)

She's got a competition clutch with the four on the floor

And she purrs like a kitten 'til the lake pipes roar

And if that ain't enough to make you flip your lid

There's one more thing, I got the pink slip, daddy

And coming off the line when the light turns green (deuce coupe)
 Well, she blows them out of the water like you never seen (deuce coupe)
 I get pushed out of shape, and it's hard to steer (deuce coupe)
 When I get rubber in all four gears

She's my little deuce coupe
 You don't know what I got
 (My little deuce coupe)
 (You don't know what I got)
 She's my little deuce coupe
 You don't know what I got

She's my little deuce coupe
 You don't know what I got"

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Brian Douglas Wilson / Roger Val Christian

Little Deuce Coupe lyrics © Sea Of Tunes Publishing Co., Sea Of Tunes Publishing Co Inc

A "deuce coupe" refers to a 1932 Ford coupe- known for being the first mass-produced car with a V8 engine-often nicknamed as such some believe due to the "2" in the year 1932. Or is it that it had two doors. Someone this week on our Car Show Steering Committee said it was because it had duel carburetors.

Whatever.

You and I are like 1932 Ford coupes, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being transformed into "little deuce coupes"! And the people around us will wonder and sometimes ask, "*what is it you got?*"

And it will be our great joy to share the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with them. That's what we got. And they can get it too.

WALK THE TALK

1. Car Show!
2. Raising Hope- bring up Tami for 3 minutes **POSSIBLE SLIDE FROM RAISING HOPE HERE**
3. DRIVE GROUP IDEA (where do you want to drive this summer?)
4. CAR SHOW PARTY October 18! Mark your calendar!

SALT CO is back September 14 and a new series on “Growing a Conversational Relationship with God”. Buy the book Hearing God at our bookstore at a super great price!

Have a great summer!

Blessing