

WEEKLY WORD by Lois Drover  
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Readings:

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)

If you are a fan of the Golden Girls, just listen for Sophia catching the attention of Rose, Blanche and Dorothy when she starts a story with “Picture This!”

Picture this! The followers of Jesus are all in an upper room, praying and singing hymns when suddenly there is a wind that fills the room. Then the Holy Spirit comes upon each one of them and changes their lives forever.

Many of us have been in a Bible Study or worship service when all of a sudden, in the midst of a hymn or time of prayer, the Holy Spirit shows up!

Several years ago I was attending a mission service, when during the altar call, there was a very real presence of the Holy Spirit in the place. People began praying in tongues and falling in the Spirit. For some people this was a very scary thing. For me it was comforting. It’s about our attitude toward the Holy Spirit. We may have grown up calling him the Holy Ghost, and that is a scary thing, right?

What I am trying to say is that the Holy Spirit is a person of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) to be respected, not feared. While we are taught as children to fear God, it is not to be a fear we would have of a monster, but a holy fear we have of our Heavenly Father, an awe of His magnificence. God loves us and wants us to be happy and full of His Spirit, showing that love to others and leading them into a relationship with Him.

So, if you fear the Holy Spirit and the gifts He brings, remember to approach Him prayerfully. Ask him to bless you and fill you with the understanding of how He works. When you open your Bible, stop for a minute and ask him to reveal an understanding of the Word. You might be surprised at the ways he will show up for you, just as He did in the upper room that long ago day of Pentecost.

**John 14:27** *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”*