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"I am convinced that the jealous, the angry, the bitter and the egotistical are the first to race to the top of the mountains. A confident person enjoys the journey, the people they meet along the way and see this life not as a competition. They reach the summit last because they know God is not at the top waiting for them. God is down below helping all followers to understand that the view is glorious where ever you stand." - Shannon L. Alder

The feast of Pentecost is certainly a journey. We journey with the disciples from their fear, huddled together in the upper room. We journey with them through the appearances of the risen Jesus and his gift of the spirit which empowers them to leave their fear and proclaim his message of love, gentleness, forgiveness and life.

Pentecost is the promise of the gift of the spirit to each of us. It may not be fear but along our journey we know that we need to look for God in the common and ordinary moments of life and to transform those by God's love and God's presence within each of us. Happy Pentecost as we experience the presence of the Spirit in our lives and promise to be that powerful presence of God's Spirit to others in many loving and simple ways: generosity, compassion, forgiveness, gratitude, and open eyes and generous hearts to reach out to all God's people. Remember, we may begin in an upper room but the Spirit calls us to go out of ourselves and proclaim the God who is love.

Live Jesus!

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