

Canterbury Tales

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From the Bishop:

The Day of Pentecost reminds us of the incredible relationship we have with God through Jesus Christ. Each year as we celebrate the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit on His church we are to recall that God has sent us (His people) on a mission. Pentecost is both incredible and shocking when we consider what it means to us: God the Holy Spirit will dwell inside us! We are to be His temple... walking, talking, breathing temples of the Almighty God!

Pentecost reminds us that there is hurting and perishing world around us that Christ desires to touch and we are His ambassadors. Pentecost reminds us that Christ is the head and we are the body. He has no hands, but ours, no lips but ours, no feet but ours.

Let this Pentecost remind you that filled with His Spirit, God wants to use you!

You are the one God will use to influence those around you. Where you go, God goes, because He dwells in you! You are His hands to reach out and comfort His lips to speak words of love, life and hope and His feet to take the Gospel to the world!

So look for opportunities to share His Gospel, His love, His Kingdom

When you see someone weak, encourage them, someone sick, offer to pray for them.

And especially when you meet someone who is "off God's path", remind them of Jesus' love, and how His arms are open to those who will come. Be bold, God dwells in you! Go and share the Good News of Jesus!

And as you go and "do the mission"...

May the Lord bless you

May the Lord keep you and take great care of you

May the LORD make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you and your household,

great peace in Jesus' name.

Amen and Amen

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.