

**MAY 23 2010 PENTECOST**

**WIRELESS FAITH  
ACTS 2:1:21; JOHN 14:8-17**

**“ITS DONE WITH WIRES!” THAT IS WHAT EOPLE WOULD SAY BACK IN THE 50’S. I REMEMBER WATCHING PETER PAN ON TV WITH MARY MARTIN AND LOOKING FOR THE WIRES THAT HELPED HER FLY. IN MOVIES THEY WOULD USE WIRES UP UNTIL RECENTLY AND THEN ERASE THE WIRES WITH COMPUTERS. NOW EVERYTHING IS DONE WITH CGI AND SOFTWARE CAN MAKE PEOPLE FLY.**

**LAST YEAR ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE I CONNECTED MY WIRELESS NETBOOK AT THE SMALL FAMILY RUN HOTEL. I SKYPED MY SON. THAT MEANS I MADE A FACE TO FACE TELEPHONE CALL HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD. I GUESS THE SIGNAL BOUNCED OFF A SATELLITE. WHO KNOWS? I SHOWED HIM THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BY POINTING MY COMPUTER AT IT!**

**MANY OF YOU HAVE CELL PHONES. HAVE YOU TAKEN THEM FOR GRANTED YET? OR DO THEY STILL AMAZE YOU. “IT’S DONE WITHOUT WIRES.” DO YOU SEE THE SIGNALS? DO YOU SEE ANYTHING? YET YOU BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING IS GOING ON. SOMETHING IN THE AIR IS BEING VIBRATED SO YOU CAN TALK TO A PERSON FAR AWAY. WHY WE EVEN GET SIGNALS FROM OTHER PLANETS AS WE MICROWAVE OUR MEALS—ALL INVISIBLE!**

**WE ACCEPT ALL THIS WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE----THE INVISIBLE EFFECTS ON MATERIAL THINGS. IT GOES BACK TO THAT PRIMITIVE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT WHEN THE MAGNET DREW ALL THE IRON FILINGS TO ITSELF. WE ACCEPT IT. YET WE STRUGGLE WHEN FOR ETERNITY GOD HAS BEEN DOING THE SAME THING ONLY GREATER. GOD INVISIBLY MOVES THE REBELLIOUS HUMAN HEART. GOD ATTRACTS WHOLE COMMUNITIES OF BELIEVERS. GOD GLUES US TOGETHER WITH INVISIBLE LOVE AND GRACE. WE CANNOT SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT, YET WE SEE ITS EFFECTS ON PEOPLE OF FAITH.**

**PENTECOST WAS THE ORIGINAL WIRELESS FAITH EXPERIENCE. BEFORE THE IPHONE HAD AN APP FOR TRANSLATING ONE LANGUAGE INTO ANOTHER...THE HOLY SPIRIT DID IT FIRST. UNDOING THE BREAKING DOWN OF COMMUNICATION THAT OCCURRED AT THE TOWER OF BABEL, NOW THE**

**SPIRIT WOULD CALL TOGETHER, GATHER A COMMUNITY TO SPREAD CHRIST'S LOVE AND TO EXPRESS LOVE THROUGH MINISTRY AND MISSION. WE HAVE A WIRELESS FAITH.**

**YES WE TASTE THE WINE AND EXPERIENCE THE TEXTURE OF THE BREAD, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FILLING US WITH FAITH AT THE TABLE, WE DO NOT PHYSICALLY SEE, BUT WE KNOW IT IS THERE. IT HAS BEEN PROMISED BY CHRIST. YOU CAN RELY UPON IT. YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT UNLEASHES THE HEALING FAITH IN US AND ENERGIZES OUR DEEDS OF LOVE. GOD DOES IT WITHOUT WIRES, WITHOUT RESTRAINTS. WE HAVE A WIRELESS, SPIRITUAL FAITH. THERE ARE NO TRICKS, NO DECEIT. ONLY GOD'S BLESSINGS.**

**TODAY WE ONCE AGAIN EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE OF THE SPIRIT. A BABY AT BAPTISM IS TOUCHED BY THE SPIRIT. IT FLOWED FROM GOD TO CHRIST THROUGH THE DISCIPLES, DOWN COUNTLESS GENERATIONS TO US AND, NOW, TO HIM. IF YOU ARE ONE WHO IS AMAZED BY WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DIGITAL AGE. NEVER FORGET WHERE THE IDEA CAME FROM.**

**JESUS SAID, "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER. THIS IS THE (HOLY) SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR KNOWS HIM. YOU KNOW HIM, BECAUSE HE ABIDES WITH YOU AND HE WILL BE IN YOU."**

**GOD DOES IT WITHOUT WIRES. AMEN**