**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**40 Days of Devotions**

***“Abide in Me and I in You ... the Key John 15:4*.”**

Day 35

*“Then Elijah called to the people, ‘Come over here!’ They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down.****31****He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel,****32****and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the Lord.”* 1 Kings 18:30:32 (NLT)

At Mount Carmel, Elijah called the people together, it was God’s turn, to once again open the eyes and hearts of His people. Before Elijah could begin, he needed to rebuild God’s altar, that had been torn down. Elijah rebuilt the altar in the name of the Lord, using twelve stones, one for each tribe of Israel, uniting God’s people as they once were. The twelve stones would have reminded the people that they were the chosen ones, of the living God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The people on Mount Carmel that day who worshiped Baal, would be left knowing their god did not show up when the prophets called on him. For those who stood before Elijah and for people today who worship idols, when reality hits them that the god they serve is not real, their world can become quite shaken.

Every believer in Jesus is not only given eternal life, they are given the gift of the Holy Spirit the moment they believe.**1** Think of this, the moment a person believes in Jesus, they receive the Holy Spirit and their eternity begins right then. When we are talking to, sitting or standing beside another believer, the same Holy Spirit unites us. God wants His church to be united in Him, the one true living God.

This year Holy Week will not be the same, as in previous times. Most people will not be gathering in church buildings across this country and around the world. There is no denying we are living in unprecedented times, many people are fearful, grieving, yet attempting to maneuver through their days. I find comfort in knowing that it is God who holds us in the palm of His hand, and that we are united together in spirit.**2**

Prayer

*Father, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I pray Your hand of protection over each one of us and our families. I pray You will protect them mind, body, and spirit. For those people who do not know You, I pray that you will draw them to Yourself as only you can. We worship You Lord.*

*In Your Name Jesus, Amen.*

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**1** Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 2:12, John 14:15-30, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

**2** Websters Dictionary 1828 has this definition for unity of spirit. “Unity of spirit, is the oneness which subsists between Christ and his saints, by which the same spirit dwells in both, and both have the same disposition and aims; and it is the oneness of christians among themselves, united under the same head, having the same spirit dwelling in them, and possessing the same graces, faith, love, hope, etc.”

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/unity>