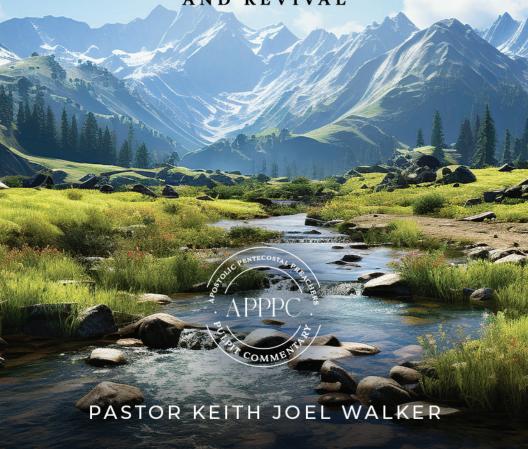
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#### Introduction

As Apostolic Pentecostals, we are no strangers to the dry seasons of life. We've all traversed the valley of Baca, a place of weeping and bitterness, where trials and tribulations seem to overwhelm us. Yet, it is in these very valleys that God invites us to experience profound transformation—a journey from hardship to blessing, from dryness to abundance. This sermon booklet explores how we can embrace this transformation through spiritual disciplines, leading to a refreshing renewal in the Holy Ghost.

## Chapter 1 The Valley of Baca—A Place of Trials

In Psalm 84:6, the valley of Baca is depicted as a place of dryness and sorrow. Yet, the psalmist speaks of transforming this valley into a place of springs. This transformation is symbolic of our spiritual journey. We must recognize that the trials we face are not meant to destroy us but to refine us and draw us closer to God. John 7:37-39 reminds us that Jesus offers living water—the Holy Ghost—that can refresh our souls even in the driest seasons.

### Chapter 2 Refreshment, Refilling, and Restoration

The Hebrew words "הָוָר" (ravah), "אֵלָמ" (male'), and "שַּלָמ" (shuv) capture the essence of what God desires to do in our lives. He wants to refresh us, refill us, and restore us. Titus 3:5 speaks of the regeneration and renewal by the Holy Ghost, emphasizing that our spiritual vitality is continually renewed through His presence.

# Chapter 3 Digging Wells of Blessing

Psalm 84:6 illustrates the necessity of digging wells in the valley of Baca. This act of digging represents our commitment to prayer, fasting, and seeking God's face. It requires perseverance and dedication, going beyond a five-minute prayer meeting to a deep, heartfelt pursuit of God. As we dig, God fills these wells with His living water, bringing refreshment and renewal.

### Chapter 4 The Pilgrimage to God's Presence

Psalm 84 describes the pilgrimage of the Jews to the temple, a journey filled with longing for God's presence. As Apostolic Pentecostals, we too must cultivate a deep desire to be in the house of God, where we experience His glory and strength. In His presence, miracles, healings, and supernatural interventions occur, renewing our faith and commitment.

# Chapter 5 The Pearls of the Book of Psalms and the Tabernacle Plan of Salvation

The pearls of the Book of Psalms provide a pattern for a New Testament Apostolic Pentecostal revival. The tabernacle of Jehovah, who is the Lord Jesus Christ, seated upon the throne with His name in the mercy and the blood of Jesus, points to the plan of salvation: repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This mirrors the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We see this typology in the Psalms, where the Holy Ghost and fire filled the tabernacle, foreshadowing the Day of Pentecost when Jesus fills His people with His Spirit, making us His temple (1 Corinthians 3:17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; Ephesians 2:22).

When Jesus fills His portable temples—you and I—with His Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues, it is the Spirit of adoption, the sign of sonship. Speaking in tongues is the firstborn birthright, the mantle of the Lord Jesus Christ. Receiving the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues is the blood witness of His confirmation, an

external circumcision from the internal circumcision of His Spirit, the Spirit of Christ now working in us (Ephesians 1:13-14, 19).

### Chapter 6 Stories of Revival and Transformation

The 20th and 21st centuries have witnessed remarkable revivals among Apostolic Pentecostals, with scores of people baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins and filled with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues. These revivals are a testament to the ongoing Acts 2:38 experience.

- William Seymour and the Azusa Street Revival: In 1906, under the leadership of William J. Seymour, the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles became a catalyst for the global Pentecostal movement. People from diverse backgrounds experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost, sparking a worldwide revival.
- G.T. Haywood: A prominent figure in the Oneness Pentecostal movement, G.T. Haywood was instrumental in spreading the message of baptism in Jesus' name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.
- Billy Cole: Known for his international ministry, Billy Cole witnessed thousands receiving the Holy Ghost, particularly in Ethiopia, where a great revival took place.

- Nona Freeman: A missionary and evangelist, Nona Freeman's ministry spanned continents, bringing the Apostolic message to countless individuals.
- Elder Kenneth Haney: As a leader in the United Pentecostal Church International, Kenneth Haney played a significant role in promoting revival and church growth.

## Chapter 7 The Apostolic Pentecostal Age of Revival

Acts 2:17 declares, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people." We are entering an unparalleled age of Apostolic Pentecostal revival. This is the final harvest, where a profound hunger and thirst for the Lord Jesus Christ will sweep across the globe. The revival of the ages is upon us, and we will witness an unprecedented move of God among young adults, children, youth, and young married couples.

The Apostolic Pentecostal Church will see a massive exodus of individuals from Trinitarian denominations, as millions will be rebaptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues. This revelation of the Oneness of God will dismantle the false doctrine of the Trinity, leading to the death of denominationalism. The Apostolic Pentecostal Jesus Name Oneness Church is the true

bride and body of Christ.

#### Conclusion

The journey from the valley of Baca to the wells of blessing is marked by spiritual growth and resilience. As we commit to seeking God with all our hearts, He promises to refresh, refill, and restore us. Let us, as Apostolic Pentecostals, rise to the call of revival, experiencing the abundant life that Jesus offers through the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. In Him, we live and move and have our being, and it is in His presence that we find true joy and strength. We are indeed living in the revival of the Apostolic ages, carrying the torch of Acts 2:38 into the future.

### Scriptural References

- Ephesians 1:13-14, 19: These verses speak of being sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.
- Acts 2:38-39: Peter's call to repentance and baptism in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, with the promise of the Holy Ghost.
- Luke 24:49: Jesus instructs His disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, the endowment of power from on high.
  - Ephesians 2:8-9: Emphasizes salvation by

grace through faith, a gift of God, not of works.

- 1 Corinthians 3:17, 6:19: Declares that believers are the temple of God, indwelt by His Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 6:16-18: Speaks of believers as the temple of the living God, called to be separate and holy.
- Ephesians 2:22: Describes believers being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### Word Meanings

• Endowment/Enduement: In a biblical context, this refers to being endowed or clothed with power from on high, as seen in Luke 24:49. The Greek word "ἐνδύω" (enduo) means to put on or be clothed with.

These elements collectively highlight the transformative power of the Holy Ghost and the ongoing revival in the Apostolic Pentecostal movement.