Preparing for Pentecost

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
(John 20:21-23 NIV)
**First Step: Lord Jesus, how are you sending me out as your witness as the Father sent you?**

Preparing for Pentecost begins first with seeking calling from Jesus or confirming a call that He has already given.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven He gave his disciples a commission:

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."* (John 20:21-23 NIV)

How is Jesus calling you? What is He sending you out to do as His witness?

**Second Step: Lord Jesus, give me the courage to name the obstacles both within me and outside of me that are blocking the fulfillment of your calling.**

Preparing for Pentecost next requires a Holy Spirit led assessment of all that may be blocking the fulfillment of the calling upon us.

In Acts 4:24-28 the first disciples lifted prayers to the Father that included some of the obstacles they were experiencing. List the blocks you are facing and name them before the Father in prayer.

Internal to me: (My own faults, sins, limits, attitudes, etc)

External: (Other people, situations, limited resources, etc.)

**Third Step: Pray for Jesus to overcome these obstacles by filling you with the Holy Spirit and working mightily in the situation.**

Pray the disciples' prayer as your own:

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:29-30(NIV)