



Reflections on 'The Greater Things'

"Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

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THE SCAPEGOAT by: Deacon Andrew Froberg

'Scapegoat'

Not a term that brings warm thoughts to our minds. It's that term about people escaping responsibility by using other people as 'scapegoats.'



A good example of this is when the problems of a family are all blamed on one member. They become the 'scapegoat' and everyone else avoids taking responsibility by deflecting their guilt onto the scapegoat. While we are likely aware of the term 'scapegoat,' most are not aware of the scriptural origin of the term. And *this* is an amazing story. The story of the 'scapegoat' is first described in Leviticus chapter 16. It is a wonderful example of the relevancy of the Old Testament foreshadowing and fitting perfectly into the New Testament. As we know and understand the exciting relevance that the Old Testament has to the New, deeper appreciation of the sacrifice of Jesus grows in our spirits.

Leviticus 16:8 mentions two goats that are needed to remove the sins of the people. The LORD speaks to Moses about the duties of the high priest and

it is no easy process. While we generally take for granted the fact that we can freely and frequently enter the inner sanctuary of being in the Real Presence of the Lord, Aaron could only enter once a year when a prescribed and vital ritual was to be performed to remove the sins of the people.

The process for the high priest (Aaron) was not simple. In order for him to enter the inner sanctuary, Aaron first had to make atonement for himself and his household by sacrificing a bull. After making this sacrifice so that he himself was clean, in verse 8, the high priest is directed to cast lots between two goats "to determine which one is for the LORD [the sacrificed goat] and which one is for Azazel." The name 'Azazel' only appears in this chapter of Leviticus (Revised Standard Version) and scholars indicate that it is the name of a demon that dwells in the desert.

The first goat is sacrificed and the blood is sprinkled in all of the holy places to remove the sins of the Israelites. It is quite easy to see how this first goat foreshadows Christ. But let's look at the other goat. In Latin, the other goat is referred to as 'caper emissarius,' or "the escaping goat." When translated into English, the term "scapegoat" appears. This scapegoat is not slaughtered, but "*Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and send him away into the*

wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat shall bear all their iniquities upon him to a solitary land; and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness." (vv. 21-22 RSVCE). The sins were prayed into and transferred onto a scapegoat who took on the sins of the Israelites and carried them away (v. 10) out into the desert. This is a foreshadowing of Christ, who takes our sins upon himself.

The scapegoat wanders around in the wilderness but never returns to the community. It was not by accident that the people could *see* their sins being carried away. In the New Testament, just like the scapegoat, Jesus was "led out to the desert." Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and goes willingly in comparison to the scapegoat who has to be led because he would not want to leave all that is comforting and familiar to him. The comparison of the scapegoat is even more perfect when we recognize that Jesus also meets the demon (devil) in the desert and does battle with him. However, the scapegoat, filled with the sins of the people, was likely completely vulnerable to Azazel the demon, while Christ, though tempted, was victorious over the temptations of the devil in the desert.

This is the amazing origin of the word 'scapegoat.' In the Old Testament, man's salvation cannot be of his own doing, but must come from God. In the New Testament, it is the same. However, God *provides* the scapegoat and is directly in our midst through Jesus. Jesus is truly the Son of God

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AS BY A NEW PENTECOST - PART TWO by: Jaci Phillips, PhD

The last six Popes have all stated that we need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and they have said to *earnestly* seek the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yet, as a Church we place little to no emphasis on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit or we hear things like *"It's a wicked generation that seeks after a sign!"* (Mt 12:39 and Mt 16:4) True. It is. *IF* you are a Pharisee (that's 'who' was asking for the sign) and you are asking for a 'miracle on demand,' as if the Holy Spirit were part of some magic show, then yes.

If the Gifts are present without love (1 Cor 13), then there is no maturity in the Spirit and this is not good. However, if you are asking like Pope Saint John the XXIII, who implored, "Renew Your wonders in our day, oh Lord, as by a new Pentecost!" then you are asking rightly.

We live in a generation that actually does need signs and wonders and this is no different than it was in Jesus' time. He knew this. But in our time we have people making Spirit-filled Christians feel bad or *weird* for seeking to walk in the power that Jesus promised us because they do not understand that these signs were to minister and to be a sign of authenticity that we walk in the power of the post-Pentecost Church. *"These signs shall accompany those who believe in Me...."*

NEWSFLASH brother and sisters: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEEDS a REVIVAL of the Holy Spirit! Look around you. Do you not see that churches are closing, vocations are dangerously low, finances are drained, and much of the Catholic population attends Mass out of obligation rather than out of love? The primary reason for this is because we do not have any gas in our engines. People *need* a faith that is ALIVE and set ON FIRE by the Holy Spirit. The church was born on Pentecost; *after* being set on fire, not before. It's the only way the early church spread and survived and it is the only way the

Church can thrive today. There is no formula or program. There is only what Jesus sent us; the Holy Spirit.

In a letter regarding the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, one of the two Duquesne University professors who was one of the first two Catholics to be baptized stated: *"The initial Baptism was not at all emotional, but life has become suffused with calm, confidence, joy, and peace... Prayer and the sacraments have truly become our daily bread instead of practices we recognize as 'good for us.' A love of the Scriptures, a love of the Church I never thought possible, a transformation of our relationships with others, a need and a power of witness beyond all expectation, have become part of our lives."* (As By a New Pentecost, pg 55)

Too often people are not introduced to the *Living God* through the ministry of the Holy Spirit; to the God you believe in because you have had an *experience* of His *realness and love for you* instead of just believing because you were taught to believe. Imagine if we were a Church once again (as it was for centuries) that combined the truth of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (*"Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of man and drink of His Blood, you shall not have life within you"* ... not a metaphor) with a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that signs and wonders once again followed the body of Christ on earth.

I hear from many priests that they have to beg for volunteers for things and that it's always the same people who volunteer. It's true. But it's because the body of Christ is not on fire with the passion of the Holy Spirit. If they were on fire, people could not even begin to contain the gospel of love and joy within themselves. It would *radiate* from them. They would have to share it, just as the Apostles and believers *after Pentecost* could not contain the *Good News* within themselves! We don't run after signs and wonders or seek

them for their own sake. But when we pray with true faith and with pure hearts that are close to the Savior; when our hearts are moved with love at the needs of people, just like *"Jesus heart was moved;"* when we pray for whatever a person or this city, country, and world might need, signs and wonders begin to follow us also! These were Jesus' last earthly words as recorded by Mark: *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."* Mk 16:16-19

Why are these things such a rarity? The reasons are not hard to discern. Generally, we don't have faith for miracles. We can beat around the bush on this one, but why should we do that? Jesus said *"if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain, 'move!' and it would get up and move into the sea."* I used to think that was a nice little metaphor for praying over mountainous problems in our lives, such as cancer or divorce, etc. While this is true, I also believe that Jesus meant what He said! That if we had ever increasing Faith (which is a Gift of the Holy Spirit) in our lives, the *physical* mountain would also move at our command if it is not against the will of God. All because of a mustard seed of faith. Also, recall that Jesus could not perform many miracles in His hometown because the people lacked faith. That was the only reason.

Another reason we do not see miracles in great number is that we do not take time to really know Jesus intimately. We don't hunger and thirst for more of Him with all of our being. We don't pray enough or if we pray, it is too often a one way conversation of rote prayers without taking time to

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LISTEN. Just imagine if we had conversations with our spouses or loved ones in the same manner that we pray; not sharing our hearts; not taking enough time to say “I’m sorry” or “thank you;” not saying how much we love that person; and not waiting for a response. Not good, right? Right. Let us enter into the secret place of the Most High when we pray. The secret place is where we meet Him and feel His love and He feels ours. Then have a conversation with your Beloved. Be like John, “*the disciple whom Jesus loved,*” who laid His head on Jesus’ chest. A friend told me recently that he didn’t feel like it was fair that John was the only one who had the recorded privilege of laying his head on Jesus’ chest. Then he received the immediate response from the Holy Spirit: “They all could have laid their head on My chest. John was the only one who asked.” Wow! Jesus, for the record, I want to lay my head on Your chest when I pray. I’m asking! In John 14, Jesus said that believers would do “*greater works*” than He had done because He is going to His

Father, this was Jesus’ promise to future believers who love Him and are obedient to His commands. Jesus said this right after He had just been questioned by Thomas and Phillip, who were ‘STILL’ having difficulty believing in Jesus. *Jesus said “after so much time, do you STILL not believe?”* Then He tells them to *either “believe in Him because He is going to the Father or to believe in Him because of the works they had seen Him perform.”* Jesus knew it and it’s still true! Some will believe because Jesus is revealed to their hearts and others will believe because of miracles performed in His Name. Either way, the most important thing is that they are given what they need in order to believe. The Apostles themselves, who had been with Jesus for 3 years, were not even 100% sold out for Him despite seeing signs and wonders, *until* the power of the Holy Spirit came upon them. Then nothing could stop them! Some people may indeed be converted through signs and wonders. But unless believers receive the Holy Spirit IN POWER and are

taught how to walk in the power and counsel of the Holy Spirit, then even most people who see signs and wonders (like the Apostles who had seen them for three years prior to Pentecost) will either follow out of empty obedience, missing the relationship part of it, or they will just fall away over time. As mature Spirit-filled Christians, we do not seek one emotional mountaintop experience after another without knowing that there will be times of difficulty and dryness during which spiritual consolations are far from us. However, I firmly believe that it is the FATHER’S TRUE PLEASURE to lavish the Gift of the Holy Spirit upon His children when they ask, for “*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?*” Luke 11:13. God has more for each of us. For the sake of the Body of Christ on earth, let us all ask.

Reference: Mansfield, Patty. *As By a New Pentecost, Jubilee Edition*. 2016. Amor Deus Publishing.

BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY—AND SPIRIT by: Kathryn Wilcox

I was watching Mother Angelica last week and she asked people who had left the Catholic faith to call in. My ears perked up when a woman phoned who said she was involved in the Charismatic Renewal when it was first blossoming in the Catholic Church back in the seventies. “We were active, excited, and had received all the gifts,” she shared. “But we were not welcomed by our local parishes, so slowly most all drifted away, including me. Some moved to Pentecostal denominations, some just stopped going to church. I am one of those.”

Mother Angelica sighed. In a kind, gentle way she offered some advice and teaching. She explained that the

charismatic gifts are given for the most part for us to use to minister to others. They do not bring salvation - that comes from a personal acknowledgement that we are sinners in need of a Savior, Jesus Christ. She commented that it would be no surprise if the gifts this woman had received had dried up and become dormant in her. When the caller agreed, Mother went on to explain that the gifts of the Holy Spirit need to be fed and nurtured (“*fan into flame the gift that was given you by the laying on of hands*”). You can do this with personal prayer, as our Pentecostal Christian brother and sisters do, but for Catholics, the most powerful presence in the Church is Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe

that Jesus is literally present in the Eucharist and that we are really receiving Him - “the Bread of Life.” It is He who feeds us spiritually and fills us with His grace. It is He who gives the Gifts and then uses us to minister to others with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The caller had walked away from not only the church, but Jesus. When she isolated herself by not going to the Catholic Church or any other church, her gifts and her faith stagnated. “Come back” urged Mother Angelica. “If you have doubts that Jesus is in the Eucharist, go to a chapel where there is Eucharistic adoration. Even when you do not receive Him in Communion, you will know that He is



FAN INTO THE FLAME Spiritual Gifts Workshop

See Page 7 for details

Facilitators: Pat Montefiori and Jacqueline Phillips

Friday, June 15, 2018 6 PM - 9 PM

Saturday, June 16, 2018 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

AT THE NAME OF JESUS Greater Things Breakfast

Panel Discussion on the Occult

Saturday, August 25, 2018 9:30AM - 12:30PM

T.A. Walkiewicz and Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabol
will answer your questions about occult practices,
issues with houses and objects, and many other topics.

St. Joseph's Center (behind the church) 147 West 24th St, Erie
Register by 8/22/18, \$8.50 by calling T.A. at (814) 833-9717

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EVENING WITH OUR LORD

St. Joseph Bread of Life Church
147 West 24th St, Erie

Worship by Jaci Phillips and friends

Exposition by Fr. Jonathan Smoltz

Friday, September 7, 2018 7 PM - 9 PM

Free Will Offering to Support Erie Charismatic Renewal/Word of Life Center

HEALING MASSES (SPIRIT-FILLED)

Sponsored by Son of God Prayer Group

Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave, Erie

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:30 PM (Worship 6:15)

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30 PM (Worship 6:15)

CORRECTION

In the article, The Weekend that Changed
My Life, by Virginia Baker, published in
the May 2018 newsletter, the first
sentence should have read:

In September, a team from the Diocesan
Catholic Charismatic Renewal traveled to
St. Anthony's Church in Sheffield, PA,
supported by the Pastor of St. Anthony's,
Rev. James Gutting, to present a Life in the
Spirit Seminar called *"The Gift."*

**This newsletter may be copied to put in
churches or shared with others.**



† SUNDAY

Shalom in Jesus Prayer Group

In home, DuBois, PA

6:30 PM

Rick Kenawell

(814) 375-0328

Acts II Community

St. Julia Church

West Lake Rd. & Powell Ave.

6:30 PM

Jack Heintzel

(814) 838-1325

Holy Crown of Thorns Prayer Group

First Sunday of the month

749 Bean Farm Rd, Sheffield, PA

1:30 PM

Lil Herbstritt

(814) 968-3208

† MONDAY

Disciples of the Holy Spirit

St. Mary's Church Annex

139 Church St., St. Mary's, PA

6:00 PM

Mary Ellen Frank

(814) 781-3904

St. Andrew Chapel (formerly Leopold Center group)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

1116 West 7th St.

3:15 PM (before Mass)

Mary Lou Peterson

(814) 866-5678

River of Life PG

2nd & 4th Monday evenings

St. Bridget Ch., Rm.4, Meadville, PA

7:00 PM

Amy Mosbacher

(814) 724-6104

† TUESDAY

Son of God Prayer Group

Holy Rosary Church

2701 East Ave., Erie PA

7:00 PM

Pat Montefiori

(814) 823-3968

† FRIDAY

Light of the World Community

In Home Prayer Meeting

Call for location

1:00 PM

T.A. Walkiewicz

(814) 833-9717

† SATURDAY

God's Holy Love

Holy Redeemer

11 Russell St, Warren PA

10:30 AM

Virginia Baker

(781) 217-1683

CONTEMPORARY MASS

Every Sunday 11:00 AM

St. Joseph Church /

Bread of Life Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Bread of Life Chapel

St. Joseph Community Center

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Every Wednesday 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church / Bread of Life Community

BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY—AND SPIRIT - CONTINUED

by: Kathryn Wilcox

there, that He is really in the consecrated host.”

What Mother Angelica did not share with the caller, but is shared in the biography about her by Raymond Arroyo, is that Mother Angelica herself was Charismatic Catholic. Father Joseph Wolfe recollected, “We could close the doors of the chapel and sing praise music. Some people would have a word of prophecy. Mother and the sisters prayed in tongues.”

Arroyo, Raymond. Mother Angelica, The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles. (Doubleday, 2005. p. 202.)

It is also interesting to note that the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church occurred in the Adoration Chapel of The Ark and the Dove Retreat Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to students from Duquesne University. Two professors from the university had read two books that gave them a hunger in their soul for more of God. They read *“The Cross and the Switchblade”* by David Wilkerson, and *“They Speak With Other Tongues”* by John L. Sherrill. The two professors were filled with an earnest desire for a more intimate relationship with Jesus through this ‘Baptism of the Holy Spirit’ they had read about. They prayed every day in earnest (just as those in the upper room prayed). The decided to go to The Ark and the Dove Adoration Chapel in order to pray in the presence of the Eucharist. *“They experienced ‘the glory of God’ coming down and filling that chapel”* (As By A New Pentecost, Golden, Jubilee Edition, Patty Mansfield, pg 36).

It was an amazing demonstration of the realness of God, especially before the Eucharist. They told a priest about what had happened and he recommended a Pentecostal prayer group. They continued to earnestly desire the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. They finally received the Baptism in

the Holy Spirit when they stepped out in faith and attended that local Pentecostal prayer group, which originated as a result of the Azusa Street Revival (the great revival in American history. (see: *“The Power To Change The World”* by Rick Joyner).

Following their Baptism, they offered a retreat to a small group of Duquesne students at The Ark and the Dove that has commonly come to be known as ‘The Duquesne Weekend.’ Although there was a plan to pray with anyone desiring the Baptism, God often has other plans. Each student had read the books and studied Acts 2 as preparation for the weekend. But none knew what to expect. Many had reservations. But as each student was individually and sovereignly ‘led’ to go and pray in the presence of the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit of God came upon them and many received tongues, others rested in the Spirit, some were completely filled with love of God and others. Jesus Himself baptized them in the Holy Spirit as they prayed in front of Jesus in the Eucharist and as a result, the Catholic Church would never be the same. Revival broke out in the Church and people came to life in their faith like never before. It is estimated that, since 1967, 300 million Catholics have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. One of the professors stated, “I don’t need to believe in Pentecost. I’ve seen it.”

It is also not commonly known that Rev. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa OFM, the Preacher to the Papal Household to three popes: Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis; is Charismatic and filled with the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit. Although they possess different gifts and strengths, John Paul II, Benedict, and Francis used and still use charismatic gifts in their ministry to the Church.

What is the lesson for us? We need to prayerfully discern what our Lord is calling each of us to do and where He

wants us to be. He has called each of us to a deeper relationship with Him and we can find that right where we are; we can ‘bloom where we are planted.’ He called me and I am Catholic. No, the parish I worship with does not pray in tongues. But Jesus wants me to be there, to receive Him in the Eucharist, and to bring His fire that lives inside of me to those around me just as the Duquesne students did. I also need to be with other charismatics and I find that fellowship at the events sponsored by Word of Life and the Charismatic Renewal in the diocese and at charismatic prayer groups.

As Mother Angelica advised, if you were Catholic and left out of rejection or because you went looking for ‘more’ elsewhere, come back and just sit before the Eucharist during adoration and discern if He is calling you back. If you are not Catholic, you can still come and sit in His presence. Over the years, I have had many Protestant friends proclaim to me the palpable peace and love that penetrates you as you sit in front of the “Bread of the Presence” (Exodus 25:30). He loves us all. He has called each of us and will meet us where we are in any way He can. Just come. There is more. Jesus is waiting.

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By The Word of Their Testimony

"But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death." (Revelation 12:11)

By Elaine Sinnott

When I was younger, I remember one of my aunts telling me about a time when my very devout grandmother was sitting at her kitchen table praying and specifically asking for her guardian angel's name. At that moment, a hand with a stamp came down right in front of her with her guardian's angel's name: Leila. This was and still is one of my favorite stories from childhood. My grandma knew her guardian angel well and Leila assisted my grandma a lot in her final moments of preparing to be with our Savior last December.

When I took the Alpha course at St. Joseph Bread of Life in Erie, PA last fall, I believe the Lord specifically placed me in the small group that I was invited to for a reason. I have learned more than I ever expected about how ALIVE God is in today's world and one thing I have learned about is how our guardian angels do more than just protect us. They do God's bidding and they love when we enlist their assistance in our faith walk.

Sondra Abrahams, a lady who clinically died on the operating table

in 1970, has spoken for almost 50 years about being taken to Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory while she was dead and also speaks about her special awareness of angels since that experience. Something that happens often when she speaks is that feathers appear out of nowhere and she believes they are angel feathers! Many people in my small group have actually collected feathers. They come from out of nowhere in houses with no down pillows or comforters. One of my friends in my small group had a feather appear from a candle burning as soon as she blew the flame out after completing a prayer meeting.

After going to small group meeting after small group meeting and seeing SO many feathers from different people in the group, I started asking God if He would be willing to send me my own feather. I believed everyone in my small group was receiving angel feathers, but I wasn't sure I actually believed that I would get one.

After a couple months of intermittently praying for a feather, one day as I was sweeping the

kitchen floor, I noticed something under the table in the dead of winter. I picked it up and realized it was a PURPLE feather! I automatically assumed my oldest son (5 years old) had brought home a craft from school because it looked like a crafting feather. I asked him if he had used any feathers for any crafts in school, but he looked at me like I was crazy and said, "No, Mom. I haven't used feathers at all in school."

The more I searched for an origin for this feather, the more I realized there was absolutely nowhere in this house that could have produced a purple feather. I think God gave me a purple feather because He knows I'm a doubting Thomas and I would've just brushed off a regular-colored feather as something from my winter jacket or from one of our pillows upstairs. I now have that special feather tucked away in a safe place, hoping God will grace me with the gift of more in the years to come. I don't need the feathers to believe. But isn't it so incredible when God makes Himself known in such a real and tangible way? I love Him so much.

I now have my almost 6-year old little boy with a new level of the realness of God and asking God for his own feather every night!

The Word of Life CCRC web page has undergone a HUGE makeover! Please note the address of the new page and stop by to see our renovation!

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PROPHECY REPORT

God Scouts Alpha Prayer
Group, 4/2018

"Let us not give into despair,
for we are an Easter people and
hallelujah should always
be on our lips."

VJ Jacque
(Inspired by P. St. JPIL quote)

"You have been given every
spiritual gift in the heavenlies."
Chris Brzozowski

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and the Savior of the world. Just as “God Himself provides the Lamb” so that Abraham does not sacrifice Isaac, God Himself also provides the Scapegoat. Jesus is the both the Lamb of God and the Scapegoat. It is by His offering that He gives the atonement for our sins. He bore our sins upon Himself just as the sins of the Israelites were transferred upon the innocent scapegoat. *“And He [that same Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins [the atoning sacrifice that holds back the wrath of God that would otherwise be directed at us because of our sinful nature—our worldliness, our lifestyle]; and not for ours alone, but also for [the sins of all believers throughout] the whole world.” 1 John 2:2 (Amplified).*

A final parallel between Jesus and the scapegoat is that the scapegoat did nothing wrong, nor was it defective in any way. Jesus did nothing wrong and He is perfect in every way. Jesus was willingly the atoning scapegoat for our sins. Jesus did not resist, was left alone (the disciples fled); was attacked by the guard, but did not blame His accusers or tormentors; and accepted His fate. Jesus *willfully* gave Himself up for our sins. In the Old Testament and the New, man cannot make atonement for his sins; only God can do that. And it is accomplished through Jesus. By Jesus sacrificing Himself, He made atonement for our sins. We can never underestimate or take for granted the incredible reality that, because of Jesus, our sins are

forgiven. It is He, the holy Scapegoat, that carries away the sins of the world.

In this year, 2018, let us be ever more keenly aware that Jesus is the Savior of the world. We pray that all people will be guided by the Spirit to acknowledge, love, and serve God. Thank you, Jesus, for being the perfect, holy, innocent, unblemished Scapegoat of God the Father, who accepted our sins being placed upon you so that we might have salvation.



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Facilitators:

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“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” 1 Tim 1:6-7 (NIV)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

Developing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Have you ever wondered what Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strongest in you? Or maybe you doubt that you have any. If you are aware of your gifts, do you desire to understand them better and “take them to the next level?” THEN THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

Patricia Montefiori and Jacqueline Phillips will teach and share on how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit work and how to and how to practically apply them in your life and ministry. Jaci and Pat are both experienced prayer group leaders and have been active in the Charismatic Renewal for over 25 years. *They love to see people come alive in their faith and in the power of living God!*

This is a safe and friendly environment to both learn and practice the Gifts. Contrary to what we sometimes think, the Gifts do not necessarily just descend on us in full power at the moment that we are Baptized in the Holy Spirit. We have to step out in them. And that can be a little intimidating in your everyday life. So this is a safe place to learn and to practice; to **Fan into the Flame!**

Registration Form - - - Register by June 11, 2018

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP—Fan into the Flame

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Reflections on 'The Greater Things'

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