

and authority in the spiritual realm. It is not uncommon on a Sunday evening to see one of these men at the altar of our church, praying for the sick, or exercising a gift of clear prophetic insight, this same man who, on Monday morning, may fly to Texas to confer with other scientists about a new landing system for a space vehicle.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELIZATION, INDIVIDUALLY AND THROUGH THE CHURCH

A testimony by Bishop Festo Kivengere

I hope as you clap after these testimonies you mean the clap is to Jesus, not to the testifier.

I want to invite a number of people from Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya, to come forward and stand around here. Men, women, bishops, archbishops, laymen, nobility, come right around here. They are going to sing to this crowd of brethren as a testimony when I am through.

I want to praise the Lord for the testimony. All I want to share with you in this short time is the glorious work of the Holy Spirit in bringing new life to a dead church which you traditionally call "revival." You can call it renewal, coming to life or whatever you choose. I want therefore to take a few moments to praise the Lord Jesus for Miss Kim's song. As she sang that wonderful song from the bottom of her heart, she was actually singing the theme of the East African revival because that is how it all began. The Lord Jesus in his risen power through the power of the Holy Spirit began to visit a church which was scattered like bones. Each member of the church was in his own little corner, and utterly lonely. Men and women were separated from each other because of tribes, because of race, because of doctrine. And there was no life, no testimony, no movement, no doors. It was a miserable existence in a church with a name of being a Christian church. Particularly, my church was very evangelical and very dry.

It may surprise some of you evangelicals that you can be evangelical and dry, but you can. And then Jesus Christ came. How? And why? It all began through the love as Miss Kim sang it. The attraction, the growing power came through a simple presentation of the New Testament and the Holy Spirit took men and women, including myself, from our isolation and drew us to the center, the Cross. The theme of East African revival was the Cross and we needed it. There was no medicine to heal our tribal separations and resentment. There was no possibility of uniting the black and the pink. There was no possibility of bringing men and women together — Africans are *chiefs* by nature and the husband is a chief at home (many of them were polygamists, of course). Therefore, there was no fellowship; there was a name but there was no fellowship. The Holy Spirit drew men and women from their isolation, and changed us — sins were sins in the glare of God's love and hearts were melted.

My brother talked about mashed potatoes. It takes the wounded hand to mash human life. There is no other way of softening, melting, and drawing together except through the love of Jesus on Calvary. And when that happens, do you know, may I use a simple expression? Each man was like a balloon — a pastor, a balloon in his ministry; laymen, all over there. And, of course, laymen in the congregation became little balloons, and you cannot have fellowship. You simply bounce from each other

and fly away. You should have balloons, big ones you see. Husbands with big, big balloons controlling and ruling by force. The black man became a balloon in his particular culture and the white man was a balloon in his superiority. You never have fellowship that way.

Then, the message of God and the love of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, drew us to Jesus. And in discovering Jesus we discovered ourselves and our miserable separations and our mean attitudes and we began to repent. Repent. That worked. A pastor standing before his congregation weeping — a very embarrassing experience for a man who wants a reputation in the ministry. A husband kneeling before his wife repenting. What came out of this? A fellowship, a song of joy. Even in the Anglican Church people began to clap like Pentecostals! And people began to love each other, Thank you, Pentecostals, for clapping.

Things were moving but in the center was Jesus Christ and out of this came a fellowship of love. The bleeding Savior united these men and women and out of isolated balloons he got a broken group of men and women who love each other deeply. Then, the Holy Spirit began his tremendous work of baptizing us all in the love of Jesus Christ. He filled us with that love and in that love we saw the world. Men went out like fire, evangelizing their neighbors, evangelizing the business men, talking to uncles and aunts; it became one huge crowd of evangelists. We praise the Lord.

That is what has happened in East Africa and out of this has grown a fellowship which knows no color, no race, no denominational barrier. The people who are going to come and sing with me here belong to this thing. Brethren, come along.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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And it's what you heard has taught me to obey the Lord. In the Bible we read in Col. 1:11, "As you live this new life with Jesus Christ, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through any experience and endure it with courage."

God's boundless resources we find when we obey the commandment, "Be filled with the Spirit." This is not a suggestion; the Bible has no suggestions, only commandments, and this is the most happy commandment of the whole Bible.

When the Lord told us to witness and make the disciples over the whole world, he promised, "You will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

To me, a little story of a bird, a woodpecker, has helped in this. A woodpecker picked with his beak against the stem of a tree like they are used to do. At that very moment, the lightning struck the tree and destroyed it and the woodpecker flew away and said, "I didn't know that there was so much power in my beak." I don't ask you, have you the Holy Spirit, but has the Holy Spirit you?

When I was a little girl, I remember that I talked with my father and I said, "Daddy, I will never be strong enough to be a real witness and a martyr for Jesus." And father said, "When you go to travel, when do I give you the train ticket, or the money for it — three weeks before?" I said, "No, daddy, the day that I go to travel." And father said, "That is what God does. You don't need to have the power to suffer for Jesus at this moment, but the moment that you will have the great honor to be a martyr for Jesus, the Lord will give you everything." And I've experienced that we have not a "spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind" and the Holy Spirit is there always to do the job, to make us ready.

We live in a time that we can expect the good Lord, Jesus, coming very soon. Many of the signs of the time are very clear and it's very important that we are ready for Jesus' coming. Peter writes, "Because you have a hope like this before you, I urge you to make certain that such a day would find you at peace with God and with men, clear and blameless in his sight." Sometimes I tremble when I think that is necessary — to be right with God and right with men.

In Russia once I got great comfort by a story. A Russian said, "There was a big apartment house; many people lived there and they all put their junk in the basement. But there was in the basement also a beautiful harp. It was broken and nobody could repair it. Once there came a drunk who said, 'May I sleep this night in your house? There is such a terrible snowstorm.' And they said, 'We have no guest rooms but you can sleep in the basement.' After some hours they