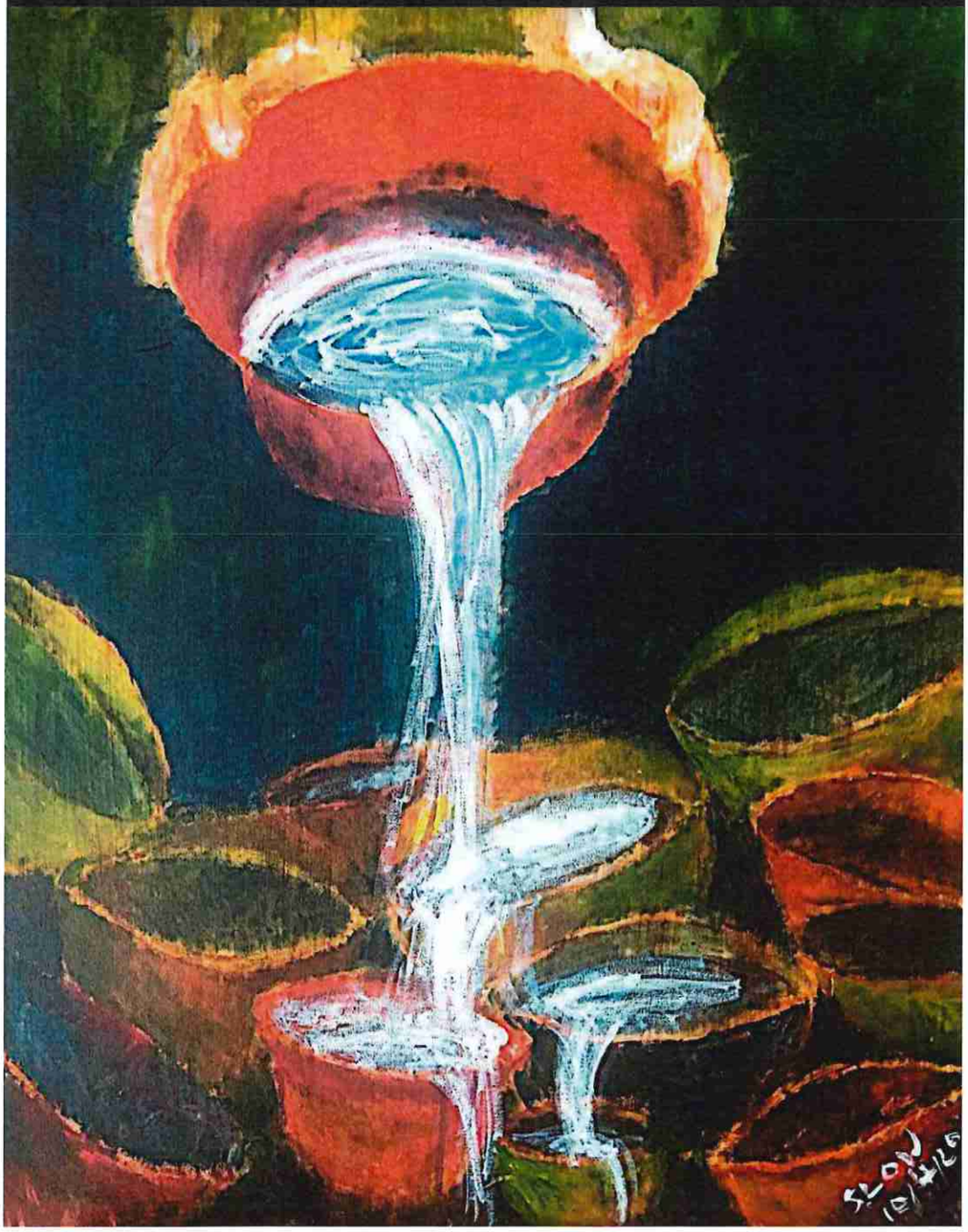
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Acts 2:33 (Jesus) Exalted to the right hand of God,
he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit
and has POURED OUT what you now see and hear.

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Holy Spirit Come to Me (Taize)

https://youtu.be/IL1V1DSVjbo?si=0bAcx5fj4HXerXHC

Introduction

"When life feels darker and more uncertain,
how can we find hope?"

A Word in Season for Our Time

From the very first pages of the Bible, the Holy Spirit is described as the 'Breath of God'—bringing life and meaning to everything (Genesis 1:2).

In recent times, as the world battled a pandemic that made us all value breath more than ever, we have been reminded how essential the breath of life truly is.

Interestingly, the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, 'Hei', stands for breath. Many see the year 2025 as a time for 'the Breath of God' to help us find a new normal after the pandemic.

God's promise to send the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28) and realised on Pentecost (Acts 2:33) can be summed up in the word HOPE:

H: Heaven's
O: Outpouring of the
P: Promise of the Father to
E: Everyone, everywhere



Hope is generally needed for motivation to keep moving forward in life. But **H**eaven's **O**utpouring of the **P**romised Spirit to **E**veryone gives us a hope that comes from God – a hope bigger than our own inner strength or resilience.

In this way, HOPE is a timely word in season. It not only points us to a brighter future but also connects us to its roots in the historical and cultural background of the Christian calendar.

Historical and Cultural Background

The Christian calendar is historically and biblically linked to the festivals in the Jewish culture.

- Good Friday is the day Christians remember Jesus' death. It fulfilled the meaning of the Passover—a Jewish festival celebrating the hope of liberation from slavery in Egypt.
- Next comes Resurrection Sunday (Easter), celebrating Jesus rising from the dead to give new life. This fulfilled the Jewish Feast of First Fruits, when the first grain harvest was offered to God as a thankful sign of hope.
- Fifty days later, Pentecost Sunday coinciding with the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) remembered God's giving of the Law. For Christians, it marked the hope in the Holy Spirit writing God's Law on believing hearts.

These events show how faith celebrated in the Christian calendar is deeply connected to the Bible, its timely fulfilment and the Jewish culture.

Living in H-O-P-E

During the time between Christ's completed work at His Ascension and His promised return, we are meant to live on **H**eaven's **O**utpouring of the **P**romised Spirit to **E**veryone.

On the evening Jesus rose from the dead, He visited His disciples in hiding and breathed on them the Holy Spirit. This marked the start of the fifty days leading up to Pentecost.

Bethlehem showed God is *with* us, Calvary showed Jesus died *for* us, but Pentecost showed His Spirit lives *in* us.

Thus a fresh 'Breath of God' is like a new normal reviving our hope in 1Peter 1:3 as well as the blessed hope in Titus 2:13.

Romans 15:13 further promises that the God of hope through the Holy Spirit will cause hope to overflow in us.

How to Wait in Hope

In 2026, the ten days of HOPE for Pentecost will begin from Ascension Day, 14 May.

This is like the disciples waiting together in the Upper Room, hoping for the promises Jesus made to them after their last Passover meal. As they waited, they remembered and prayed about what Jesus had told them regarding the Holy Spirit.

These daily devotionals based on Jesus' words are available to help you to prayerfully wait in hope with the right posture:

- Hunger
  Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Patient waiting
  Psalm 130:5,6 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. [6] I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, ...
- Endurance
  Romans 5:4-5 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

As you step into this season of waiting in hopeful anticipation, allow me to extend my wishes to you in the distinctive French tradition. On news of a pregnancy, they would say, "Congratulations on your *hope*!"