

ENCOUNTER – COMMUNICATION

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O COMFORTER GENTLE AND TENDER by A.B. Simpson

“O comforter gentle and tender, o holy and heavenly dove
We are yielding our hearts in surrender; we’re waiting your
fullness to prove.

Come, strong as the wind o’er the ocean, or soft as the
breathing of morn
Subduing our spirit’s commotion and cheering our hearts
when forlorn.

Oh, come as the heart searching fire, oh come as the sin
cleansing flood
Consume us with holy desire and fill with the fulness of
God.

Anoint us with gladness and healing, baptize us with power
from on high
Oh, come with your filling and sealing, while low at your
footstool we lie.”

Our reading today is from Acts 27:13–28:1 – oh a time of
violence and danger! More rain than even we in Chilliwack
have had lately! “Are we going to make it? Will we all die in

this storm?” And then in verse 23,24 an angel comes and speaks to Paul. What a surreal experience! It tells me something about the voice of the Lord – of his communication. If God wants to speak a message to his child – to you and me – he will speak it so we can hear it! Even in a storm! We simply remain ready for him to speak and for us to obey when he does! Don’t worry – God will get his message to you!

And then they all survive – the Lord directs them to Malta. I’ve been there and Malta is just a speck on the ocean!



And this same Lord who spoke, who saved, also works powerfully through Paul at this place!

And thus ends my challenge to you to read through the book of Acts of the Spirit over the past six weeks in our quest to encounter the Holy Spirit afresh. I am interested to know what you have experienced during this time. What has the Spirit said to you – what have you sensed anew about him – and you? Drop me a line at leon@mycac.ca and let me know.

The next post on this site will be Monday January 25 in the form of a podcast. I will be chatting with three of our members on the Spirit filled life. This will be the first of three podcasts on this theme – I hope you will watch for them.

Meanwhile, if you have thoughts on how I/we could help lead our congregation to a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit (even during covid bans), I am open to hear!

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