

## **FROM BABEL TO PENTECOST**

### **Identity, Alignment, and the Name Above Every Name**

#### **First Church Washington D.C. War Room Prayer Line**

Friday, June 5, 2026

7:00 A.M. – 7:30 A.M. Eastern

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### **Key Question**

What if Babel and Pentecost are not primarily stories about language?

What if they are stories about identity?

One reveals what happens when people seek identity apart from God.

The other reveals what happens when people receive identity from God.

### **Scriptures for Today**

Genesis 11:1-9

Genesis 12:1-2

Psalms 75:6-7

John 17:20-23

Acts 2:1-12

Philippians 2:9-11

### **Key Observations**

- Babel was not merely a construction project. It was an identity project.
- The issue at Babel was not the tower. The issue was: 'Let us make a name for ourselves.'
- Abram never tried to make his own name. God said: 'I will make your name great.'
- Psalm 75 explains the difference: promotion comes from God.
- Jesus did not pray for sameness. He prayed for alignment.
- At Pentecost, diversity did not prevent unity. Alignment produced unity.

### **Quotes to Remember**

- Babel was an attempt to obtain through striving what Abram received through surrender.
- Babel built a tower. Abram built an altar.
- The tower was the symptom. Identity was the issue.

- Forgotten identity creates striving.
- Babel proves sameness does not guarantee unity.
- Pentecost proves diversity does not prevent unity.
- The difference is alignment.
- At Babel they tried to create a name. At Pentecost they proclaimed His Name.

### Kingdom AIM Revelation

I.A.M. = Identity And Manifestation

Everything manifests from identity. What we believe about ourselves eventually becomes visible in our lives.

### Personal Reflection

What tower am I building?

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What am I hoping that tower will give me?

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What area of my life needs greater alignment with God?

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### Scriptures to Review This Week

Genesis 11:1-9

Genesis 12:1-3

Psalm 75:6-7

John 17:20-23

Acts 2:1-12

Philippians 2:9-11

### Final Thought

Babel reveals what happens when people seek identity apart from God.

Pentecost reveals what happens when people receive identity from God.

At Babel they said: 'Let us make a name for ourselves.'

At Pentecost they proclaimed the Name above every name.

The difference was alignment.