

# THE JOURNEY

## Bible Reading Schedule

May 24	1 Chronicles 11, 12, 13	John 9:1-23
May 25	1 Chronicles 14, 15, 16	John 9:24-41
May 26	1 Chronicles 17, 18, 19	John 10:1-21
May 27	1 Chronicles 20, 21, 22	John 10:22-42
May 28	1 Chronicles 23, 24, 25	John 11:1-17
May 29	1 Chronicles 26, 27	John 11:18-46
May 30	1 Chronicles 28, 29	John 11:47-57

### Jesus and Lazarus [John 11:1-44]

#### Why do you think Jesus didn't go immediately to help Lazarus?

- He was afraid he would get killed if he went back to Judea
- He didn't always do what people expected or wanted
- He was waiting for the "go ahead" from his Father
- God would receive more glory if Jesus waited until Lazarus died

#### How would you have felt if you were Mary or Martha?

- Despondent- it's too late     Angry – *its about time*
- Consoled (better late than never)     Hopeful – *with Jesus it's never too late*

#### Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?

- to see his friend again
- to bring relief to Mary and Martha's grief
- to demonstrate to the crowd he was God's Son
- to illustrate he is the "resurrection and the life"
- To glorify the Father

#### How has God shown his care for you during difficult times in your life?

- caring family     friend     caring church
- Scriptures like this     Healing     comfort of his Holy Spirit

#### If you compare your spiritual life to Lazarus, where would you be?

- feeling woozy     still in the grave     restored to life
- alive, but wrapped in grave cloths     alive, free and joyful!

# NEW BEGINNINGS

The Symbol of **Faith** is **Fire!**

## ▶ The Source of Faith is **humility**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* Matthew 5:6

**CONSUMED** – to be engage fully, totally involved

## ▶ The Breath of Faith is **Action**

*"The body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."* Jm 2:26

**Breathe-in the Spirit, Breathe-out grace.**

## ▶ The Spark of Faith is **The Spirit**

*"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing."* John 6:63

*"Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn."* John Wesley

**"The church exists by mission, as fire exists by burning."**

## Acts 2:1-4 (Msg)



When the Feast of Pentecost came,  
they were all together in one place.

Without warning there was a sound  
like a strong wind, gale force—no

one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building.  
Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks,  
and they started speaking in a number of different languages  
as the Spirit prompted them.

Acts 2 (Message)

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