



message notes

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Waiting with Expectation

Acts 1:1-11

Context: Acts is the continuation of Luke's Gospel, detailing the birth of the church.

Context: Transition from Jesus' physical presence to the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Big Idea: Waiting time is not wasted time. God uses these moments for preparation, growth, and the unfolding of His divine purposes.

After his resurrection Jesus was with his disciples for 40 days - "Are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (v. 6)

- They were asking the wrong questions
"It is not for you to know the times and dates."
Jesus insists that God's redemption of Israel will not be according to human timelines or by political change, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- A better question is, "what do you want us to become?"
- Jesus asks his disciples to "**wait**"
v. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, **but wait** for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."
- Waiting allows us to align with God's best for us

Distinct attitudes (postures) of waiting

1. Distracted waiting
2. Anxious waiting
3. Expectant waiting

Acts 2 - "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."

- Noticing
- Intense focus

Expectation - "but wait..."

- To stay in one place and anticipate or expect

Waiting as an Opportunity for Growth:

God's Work in Waiting: God often uses waiting to change us more than He uses it to change our circumstances.

Divine Purpose in Waiting: Just as the disciples' waiting was not in vain but led to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our waiting has divine significance.

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