

The Waiting Room

When Jesus Enters, Fear Must Leave

RESURRECTION TO RESPONSIBILITY

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Acts 1:12-14

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one [d]accord in prayer [e]and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:4-5

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. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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“The disciples are living in the tension between promise fulfilled in Jesus’ exaltation and promise not yet empowered in the Spirit.”

N.T. Wright

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“Prayer in Acts is not a prelude to mission; it is the matrix out of which mission is born.”

Ben Witherington III

What This Means for Us

01 Obedience matters in the waiting season.
They returned to Jerusalem because Jesus told them to

02 God forms communities before he sends them out
Church Unity is not optional—it is foundational. Different backgrounds unified in one purpose

- We may all be different, but we should be united in PURPOSE
- Our declaration we say “**We commit our time, talents and treasures**” in alignment with the church vision but do we really?

03 Prayer is not a pause in mission - it is the birthplace of mission.
The early church is radically God-dependent before being mission-active.

04 Waiting is not wasted when it is filled with devotion to God.
Before God releases his power publicly, he often prepares us privately.

UNITY

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

OBEDIENCE

FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION

— TRUE IMPACT HAPPENS —
WHEN WE STAY UNITED
& WALK IN OBEDIENCE.

GOD'S PURPOSE

ACTS 1:12-14



Prayer points

01 **Micah in the Community of Camberwell**
– We will be **unified** as a church in our mission

02 **Us individually**
– For our roles in the mission to reach the community and that we will be **obedient** to call

03 **Pray for each other**
– Anyone in the group who needs support in prayer
