

# IN THE WAITING

Acts 1:12–26

## Opening Thought

Waiting is hard.

It exposes our desire for control, our discomfort with silence, and our tendency to confuse movement with faithfulness.

*“Hope delayed makes the heart sick...” — Proverbs 13:12 (CSB)*

Before the Spirit comes in power, Luke shows us the **posture of a people who trust God enough not to run ahead of Him.**

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## Four Postures of Faithful Waiting

### 1. In the waiting, we continue to obey what Jesus has already said

- The disciples returned to Jerusalem just as Jesus commanded
- Waiting was not inactivity—it was obedience
- Faithfulness is not rushing ahead of God, but trusting His timing

#### Key Truth:

Waiting is not a pause on obedience. Waiting *is* obedience.

#### Scripture Reflections:

- Psalm 37:7
- Lamentations 3:25
- Isaiah 28:16

#### Reflection:

- Where am I tempted to move ahead of God instead of trusting Him?

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## 2. In the waiting, we remain devoted to prayer—not productivity

- Before Pentecost power, there was persistent prayer
- Prayer wasn't something they did *while* waiting—it was *how* they waited
- Prayer forms us while we wait for God to act

### Key Truth:

Prayer is not weakness—it is dependence.

### Scripture Reflections:

- Acts 1:14
- Romans 12:12
- Philippians 4:6–7

### Reflection:

- When I don't know what to do next, where do I turn first?
- Do I drift toward prayer—or toward control?

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## 3. In the waiting, we stay rooted in Scripture so we don't follow the wrong voice

- Peter leads from Scripture, not speculation
- Waiting seasons are loud with competing voices
- God's Word anchors us when pressure speaks the loudest

### Key Truth:

If Scripture is not shaping us, another voice will.

### Scripture Reflections:

- Acts 1:16
- Joshua 1:8
- Hebrews 4:12

### Reflection:

- What voices are shaping my decisions right now?
- Am I letting Scripture form my desires—or just support them?

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#### **4. In the waiting, we stay close to Jesus—abiding in His presence**

- The disciples stayed together, prayerful, and near to Jesus
- Waiting tests intimacy, not just obedience
- Presence matters more than progress

##### **Key Truth:**

Abiding is choosing relationship over results.

##### **Scripture Reflections:**

- John 15:4–5
- James 4:8
- Matthew 28:20

##### **Reflection:**

- In this season, am I staying close to Jesus—or just staying busy?
- If nothing changed right away, would His presence still be enough?

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## **Why This Matters**

Waiting is not neutral.

Waiting reveals:

- What we trust
- Which voice we follow
- Whether we believe God's presence is enough

##### **Grounding Truth:**

We are not waiting on a God who hesitates to act.

- Romans 5:8
- Galatians 4:4

God moved toward us at the right time—and He will not abandon us in our waiting.

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## **Closing Truth**

**Waiting with Jesus is never wasted—because being in His presence is always purposeful.**