Ordinary Lives. **Extraordinary Moments.**

acts one: one to four

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 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."

Acts 1:1-4

My hope is that we can joyfully practice waiting, while anticipating and expecting extraordinary moments in our ordinary lives.

How do we experience extraordinary moments in the midst of our ordinary lives?

1. Wait (v. 4)

- Within the command is the ability to obey the command.
- Jesus' command to "wait" was attached to a promise.
- Waiting is a time of formation.

2. Wait Intentionally (v. 14, 21, 26)

- Wait with others.
- Wait in prayer.
- Wait while leading.

Corey Russell liked



Bryan Purtle @BryanPurtle · 1d "The Fathers used to use this great term - 'pleading the promises.' You never hear it now. Why? Because people do not really pray any longer, they send little telegrams to God. They know nothing about 'wrestling' with God and 'pleading the promises'". || Martyn Lloyd-Jones









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3. Wait Expectantly (v. 1:4, 12-13, 2:1)

- Jerusalem (ordinary)
- Upper Room (ordinary)
- They (ordinary)
- Suddenly (extraordinary)

Waiting expectantly is lower caps living in an ALL CAPS WORLD! It's a subversive and revolutionary act of trust, in obedience to Jesus and against the hurriedness of modern day living.

Just because the wait is over, doesn't mean you are ready. Waiting while being faithful in ordinary lives, leads to extraordinary moments.

How do we wait?

- 1. Slow down for loving union.
- 2. Wait with others.
- 3. Listen intently.
- 4. Engage lovingly.