

WAITING: Learning to Rely on the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4–8 • 1 Samuel 13:7–14 • Galatians 5:25

Jesus Commands Us to Wait (Acts 1:4–8)

- Jesus' final instruction was to wait for the Holy Spirit.
- Power comes only after the Spirit arrives
- Waiting is an act of trust.

Saul: The Danger of Not Waiting (1 Samuel 13:7–14)

- Saul acted out of pressure and fear.
- He moved ahead of God's timing.
- Disobedience cost him God's favor and future blessing.

Waiting Forms Our Character

- Jesus waited and was Spirit-led in the wilderness (Luke 4).
- Trials refine our faith (1 Peter 1:6–7).
- Waiting reveals whether we are led by fear or by faith.

Keep in Step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

- Not ahead, not behind—aligned with the Spirit.
- Spiritual maturity is learning the Spirit's pace.

How to Wait on the Holy Spirit

- Pause before acting.
- Pray first, not last.
- Slow your schedule—create space to hear God.
- Look for spiritual fruit as confirmation.
- Seek godly counsel.

Scriptures on waiting: Psalm 130:5; Lamentations 3:25; Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:31;
Proverbs 15:22

Key Challenge: Where is God calling you to stop rushing and start waiting on His Spirit?