

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost Waiting for the Promise

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4,5

1) Waiting is an Act of _____

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..." **Acts 1:14**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." **Galatians 6:9**

2) Waiting Prepares Us for _____

"Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen." **Acts 1:24**

How long must I wait?

What is God teaching me in this season?

- *Is He building my endurance and patience?*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." **James 1:2-4**

- *Is He calling me to deepen my faith?*

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." **Romans 5:3-5**

- *Is He giving you time to heal before moving forward?*

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." **Isaiah 40:30,31**

3) God's _____ is Always Perfect

"...until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen." **Acts 1:2**

He's not just preparing the blessing for you.

He's preparing you for the blessing.