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# Acts 1

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." 9 And after He had said these things,



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He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."



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12 ¶ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered [the city,] they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James 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



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with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with [the] women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.



# Questions of Kingdoms

- Jesus gathers the 11
- Is NOW the time to restore the Kingdom to us
  - They had argued and fought over this
  - Greatness in the kingdom? Serve!
  - His authority (*exousia*) – something else...

# You need power...

- Jesus was looking for witnesses, not rulers
- Remotest parts of the earth, not just Israel!
  - God's plans are BIGGER...FULLER!
- So, they watch the sky...2,000 yrs later we do
- Something in the wait...

# Upper Room time

- Apostles named and listed
- Jesus' family get it together
- Women also a part of the time
- “they all with one mind”!

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- *humothumadon* 11x in Acts, 1x Rom
  - One heart! Getting what Jesus prayed for!
  - Join together to seek Him, we all become alike!
  - His passions, dreams, desires, priorities
  - When we are tested, we need others...

# Then they pray!

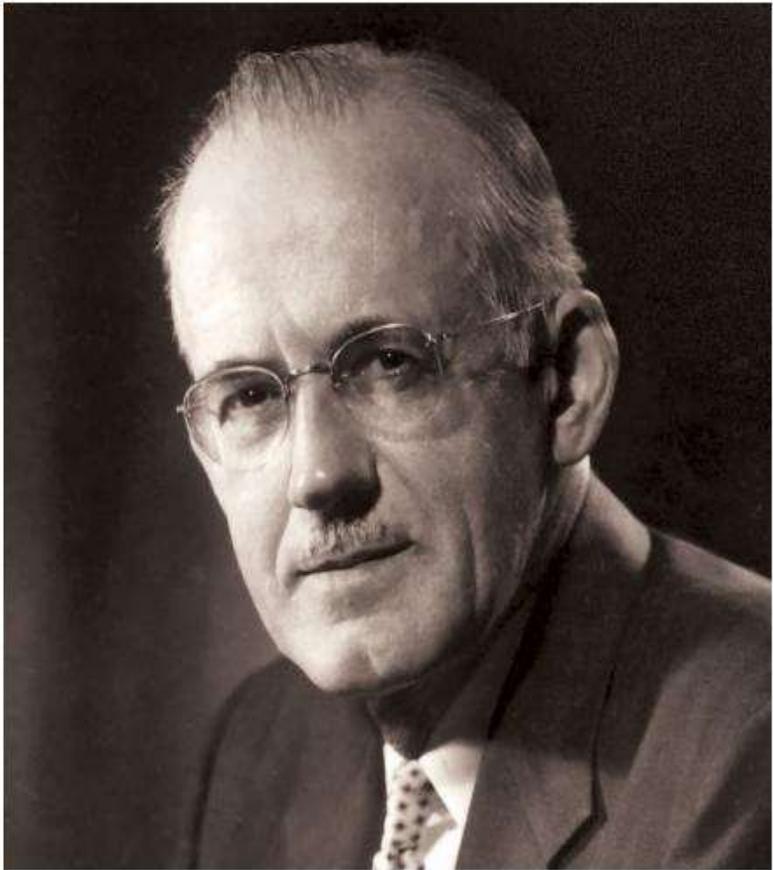
- They set their minds together
  - Before the Baptism of the HS
  - Before they pray together!
  - This is an act of the will, to reflect Him

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- THEN they began to PRAY!
  - Devoting , *proskartereo*, attentive, persevere
  - not just a few minutes when it is convenient
  - *proseuche*, prayer addressed to God specifically

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- This requires patience for God's timing...
- While we stand, we need to draw together...
- It is easy to talk about failures, how about ... yours?
- One hearted-ness is not a product you buy...
- It is the beginning of realizing we are ONE! (John 17)
- No barriers, differences, backgrounds matter



“ Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. ”

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