



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Wait until You Have the Power**
Series: **EYEWITNESS - ACTS**
Text: **Acts 1:1-14**
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In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men 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. (Ac 1:1–3).

The Acts of the Apostles', but in truth we should really think of it as 'The Acts of Jesus (II) or The Acts of the Holy Spirit.

- **Read this Book** as the _____ of the early Church.
- **Read this Book** as a book about _____ and the work of the _____.
- **Read this Book** as a book that invites _____ into the story.

Jesus Gave Two Important Commands

1. _____ FOR THE GIFT

*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.**” (Ac 1:4).*

*“If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And **I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever** — 17 **the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**” (John 14:15-17)*

*“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high.**” (Lk 24:49).*

*For John **baptized with water**, but in a few days you **will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.** (Ac 1:5).*

*16 John answered them all, **“I baptize you with water.** But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**” (Lk 3:16).*

DISCIPLES STILL _____ GET IT!

So when they met together, they asked him, **“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”** (Ac 1:6).

He said to them: **“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.** (Ac 1:7).

2. RECEIVE _____ FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Ac 1:8).

(Dunameos) DYNAMISM OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

- **POWER FOR VICTORY OVER _____**

For what **the law was powerless to do** in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, **4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.** (Rom. 8:3-4)

- **POWER TO LIVE A LIFE OF _____**

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever **loses his life for my sake will find it.** (Matt. 10:39)

- **POWER WHEN LIFE GOES _____**

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, **for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore **I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.** (2 Cor. 12:9)

_____ THAN THE ECLIPSE - THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

After he said this, **he was taken up before their very eyes,** and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.
(Ac 1:9–11)