



# Those Who Wait

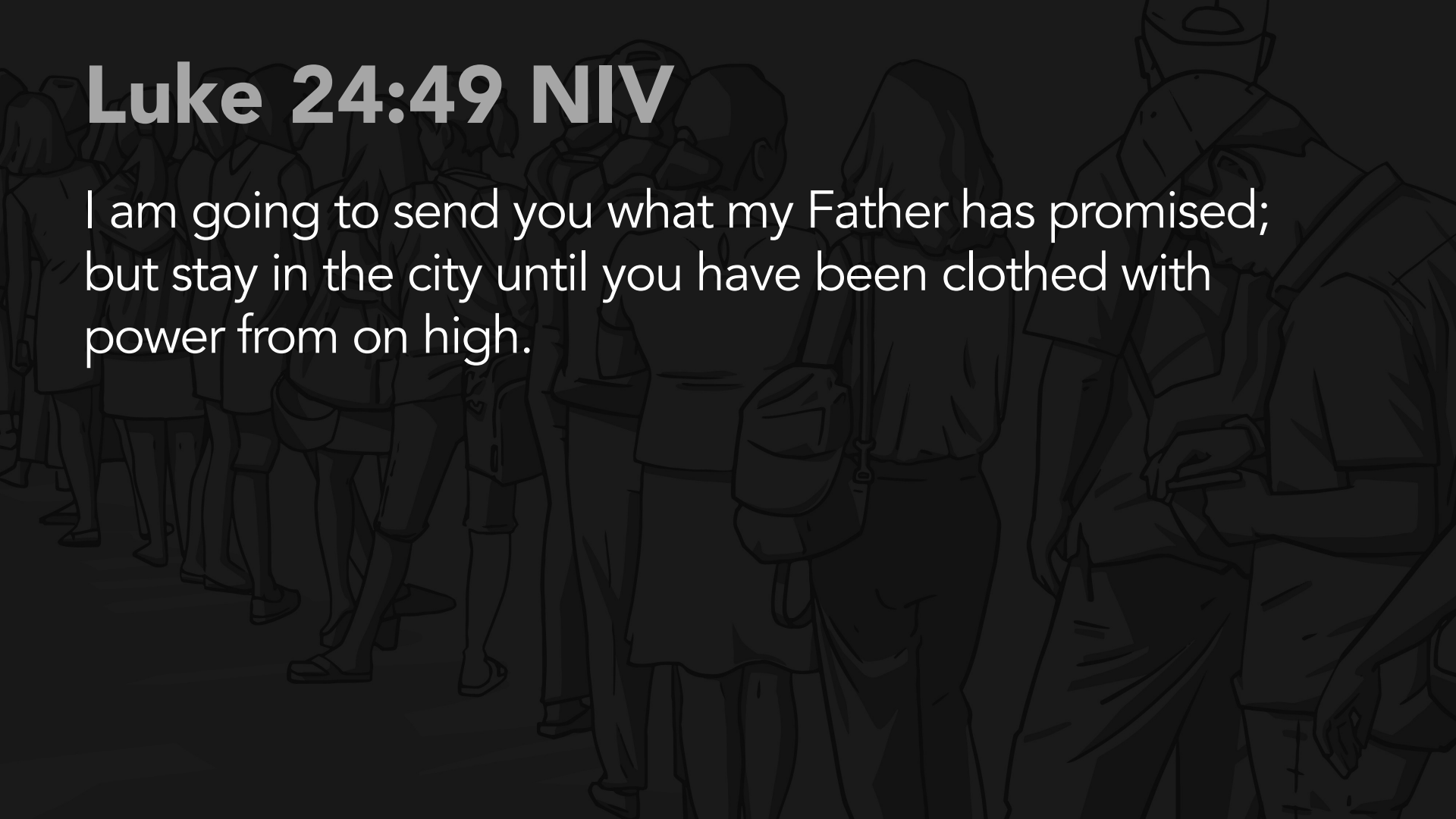


“Good things come to those who wait”

“If someone is willing to work hard and wait for an outcome they desire, it’s going to come.”

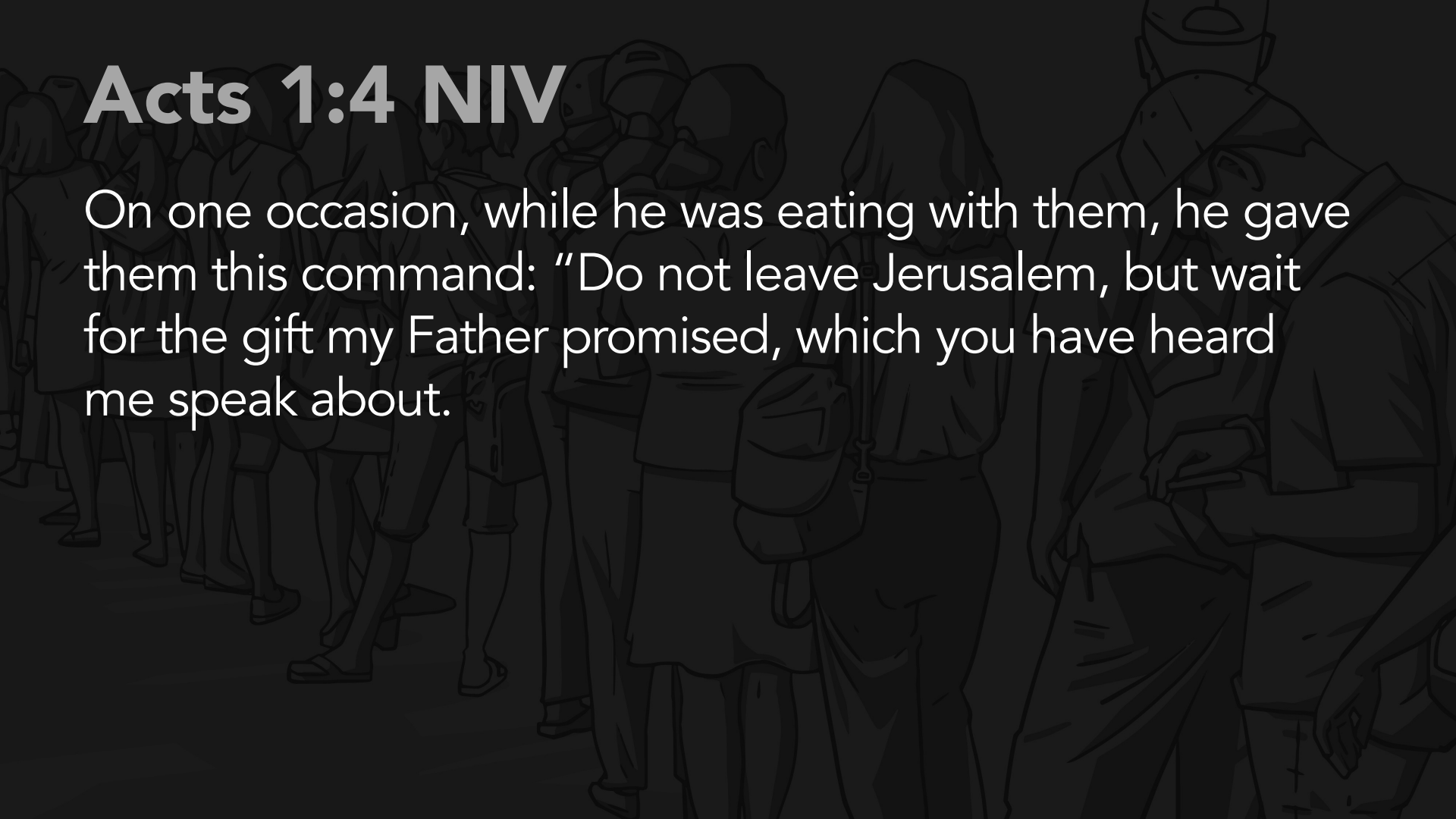
# Luke 24:49 NIV

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.



# Acts 1:4 NIV

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.





# **3 WAYS WE WAIT ON GOD**

# 1. Where we wait

Acts 1:12-13 NIV

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying.

Sabbath Day's walk =  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, 2000 cubits, or 1000 steps

# 1. Where we wait

Luke 24:52-53 NIV

Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Continuously=never ceases or no breaks

Continually= frequently and often

# 1. Where we wait

Church took place in the temple and in the home. It is vital for us to attend church and life-groups.

Acts 2:46 NIV

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.



# 1. Where we wait

Acts 5:42 NIV

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

We should wait on God in relationship with God and in relationship with other believers.



# Dr. Henry Cloud

“Every human comes out of the womb searching for connection. We come complete with wiring within us that compels us to connect with God and with people.”

## 2. How we wait

Acts 1:14 NKJV

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.

Prayer= to ask God

Supplication= to ask God fervently and earnestly

# Prayer all Through Acts

Acts 7:55-60 Stephen prayed while he was being stoned.

Acts 8:14-17 Peter prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:11 Saul of Tarsus prayed after his conversion.

Acts 9:36-43 Peter prayed before he raised Dorcas from the dead.

Acts 10:1-4 Cornelius prayed that God would show him how to be saved.

# Prayer all Through Act

Acts 10:9 Peter prayed and God told him to answer Cornelius prayers.

Acts 12:1-11 The believers prayed for Peter when he was in prison.

Acts 13:1-3 They fasted and prayed before sending out Barnabas and Paul.

Acts 16:16-18 On the way to prayer Paul cast a demon out of a girl.

## 2. How we wait

Luke 3:21-22 NIV

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while he prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.

## 2. How we wait

Acts 4:31 NIV

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

### 3. Why we wait

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is confidence in hope that you cannot see.

Romans 8:24-25 NIV

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



### 3. Why we wait

God makes us wait because it builds our faith in him.

God makes us wait because the time has not yet come for our blessing.

God makes us wait because he knows what is best for us.

God make us wait because his timing is perfect.

# RECAP

- While we wait on God it matters where we wait. We should wait in relationship with him and with other believers.
- While we wait on God it matters how we wait. We should wait in deep and earnest prayer until he moves.
- While we wait on God it matters why we wait. We should wait on God in faith, in hope, and knowingly that his timing is perfect.



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