

WAITING AND GOD'S SPIRIT

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Alive In The Spirit, part 7

BIG IDEA: The Spirit, Waiting and the Dynamics of Waiting.

“After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you *at this time* going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ^{WAIT}

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.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.” **Acts 1:3-9**

10 Days of _____.

10 days of _____. (Acts 1:14; Luke 11:13)

10 Days of _____.

10 Days of _____.

10 Days of not knowing _____.

10 Days of getting _____ & _____.

“When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place. (Picture yourself among the disciples): A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound. Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next. All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they’ve never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.” **Acts 2:1-4**
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There is WIND. There is FIRE. (Ex. 3:2-5; 1 Thess. 5:19)

“When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it. When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.” **2 Chronicles 7:1-3** (1 Kings 18:36-39) (Eph. 2:21; 1 Pet 2:5)

IN LIGHT OF THIS, WHAT DO WE DO?

1. _____ that God is working in your waiting. Surrender.
2. _____ Jesus to send his Spirit for you, like he did for them.
3. _____ praying, asking, expecting. God wants to give you something good. Wait.

POINT: If we want to do things that are distinctly God, we must learn to wait, trust, let him work and follow his lead.