

“Waiting on God”

Acts 1:12-26

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Introduction

- So much of life can be described as *“Hurry up and wait!”*
- Question is: *“How can we make time waiting productive?”*
- Sometimes we must *“wait on God”*

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A. The Wait-- Luke 24:49

1. The Command to “Wait” in Jerusalem until they received the power of the Spirit.
2. The Duration of the Wait-- 10 days
3. The “Wait” illustrates the “Transitional” nature of the Book of Acts.

B. What to Do as We Wait on God-- Acts 1:12-26

1. **Obey the Commands We Already Have-- v.12**
 - a. Jesus had given the command for them to wait in Jerusalem- v.4
 - b. Waiting becomes a test of obedience.
 - c. Illustration of one who failed to wait and thus forfeited God’s blessings on His life.-- Saul
1 Samuel 10:8; 13:8-14
2. **Fellowship with Other Believers as We Wait-- vv. 13-14**
 - a. Makeup of the Group that gathered in the Upper Room
 - 1) The Apostles
 - 2) The “women”
 - 3) Mary the Mother of Jesus-- Mark 3; Luke 11:27-28
 - 4) His Brothers-- Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3
 - b. God never intends for us to wait by ourselves-- Hebrews 10:25
3. **Devote Ourselves to Prayer**
 - a. There is power in Corporate Prayer-- Matthew 18:19-20
 - b. Persistent, persevering prayer marks the early church.