



Why the Wait?

Waiting...

Benefits of Waiting:

1. Opportunity for preparation
2. Enhanced anticipation
3. Improved decision-making
4. Increased appreciation
5. Develops patience
6. Reduces impulsivity
7. Builds resilience

Witnesses

Luke 24:46-49



“You are witnesses of all these things...”

- Witnesses of His life, teaching, & suffering.
- The word “*witness*” means, “*one who is mindful, pays attention to, notices...*”
- It’s a judicial term – a witness called to testify in a court proceeding.
- But it also goes beyond someone who can relay facts about something...
- “*μάρτυς*” means, “*one who hears & heeds*”
- One who bears testimony to the truth through the way that they live...

**Bearing
Testimony**

2 Competing Visions

Acts 1:3-8

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 1:6, “When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

It's all about
ME

it's all you JESUS
about



Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses...”

The word “WITNESS” is where we get our English word “MARTYR”.

10 Days

~~"GOD WILL NOT GIVE
YOU MORE THAN YOU
CAN HANDLE."~~



"We do not want you to be uninformed...about the troubles we experienced ...We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself...But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

2 Corinthians 1:8,9



Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11,
Leviticus 22:23

“When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop.

**Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God.”
Leviticus 23:22**

"The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry. The cloak in your wardrobe belongs to the naked. The shoes you allow to rot belong to the barefoot. The money in your vaults belongs to the destitute. You do injustice to every man whom you could help but do not."

- St. Basil the Great

Born of the Spirit



John 3:5-8

“Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

John 3:5-8

It is too small a thing to limit the Spirit to comfortable conditions because the Spirit is the one who brings order out of chaos...