

WHEN JESUS ... Says Wait - May 5th 2024 - Pastor Peter

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| Acts 1:3-5 "During the forty days after He suffered and died, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and He proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, 'Do not leave Jerusalem but wait until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." | QUESTIONS: 1. What should be our posture towards God? |
| 1. Wait In The Right Place | |
| Acts 1:4 "Don't leave Jerusalem" | 2. Why should we trust |
| It says, He commands them, 'don't leave Jerusalem'. He tells them to wait.' | God? |
| There's a right place for them to be to receive the promise and that right place is Jerusalem. | |
| For us, there's also a right place for us to wait to receive this and every promise from God. | |
| Our right place is about a posture. Our right place is about the openness of our spirits. Our right place is about the attitude of our hearts. | 3. Is it possible to wait on God without faith? |
| 2 Corinthians 8:10 "So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not | |
| let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in the right place all along." | |
| We Wait with Faith | |
| Hebrews 11:6 "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him." | |
| We need to believe that God is going to do what He says He will do. We need to have faith that His promises are true and that He will | |

| 2 Corinthiana 1:20 "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God." | Do you believe God's time is perfect? |
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| Our faith lifts us up above what people may or may not do and it gives us complete confidence in God. We believe God. | |
| We Wait With Trust | |
| Trust is firm belief in the ability, reliability or strength of someone or something. | |
| Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart;do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." | 2. What is the hardest thing for you while you wait God's response? |
| Our trust relinquishes control to God knowing that His way and His plan are right and good. Our trust recognizes that God's path is the best path. | |
| Isaiah 54:10 "'Though the mountains be shakenand the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you." | |
| 2. Wait for The Right Time | |
| Acts 1:4 "Don't leave Jerusalem but wait until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before." | |
| Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength." | 3. Why shouldn't we get |
| Galatians 6:9 "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." | tired of doing what is good according to Gal. 6:9? |
| Jesus' disciples wait for 10 days. | |
| God's timing is perfect. And waiting isn't the same thing as wasting time. | |

God is sovereign, and maybe the waiting means God is going to open

up something amazing.

Keep spiritually planting because you're going to reap a harvest of blessing.

3. Wait For The Right Gift

Acts 1:4 "Don't leave Jerusalem but wait until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before."

Jesus gives an explanation.

Acts 1:5 "John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

We Wait For An Important Gift

We wait because it's an important gift.

Matthew 3:11 "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am - so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be His slave and carry His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

In the Bible, fire is a profound symbol.

It symbolizes power. Fire releases energy and heat.

It symbolizes light. Fire illuminates and its flame gives light by which to see.

It symbolizes refining. Fire burns off the impurities that don't belong.

It symbolizes focus. On a dark night fire draws people in and it holds their attention.

It symbolizes comfort. Fire provides warmth.

We Wait For The Good Gift

Luke 11:11-13 "You fathers - if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

OUESTIONS

| 1. What is the important gift God wants us to have? |
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| 2. Why do you think the holy spirit is compared with fire? |
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| 3. What type of gifts does God give and why? |
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Because our Father in heaven is a good and perfect Father, even though we may disappoint Him, He only gives good gifts.

TAKEAWAYS:

- 1. **Waiting in the right place.** Certainly, we have heard that in order for good things to happen you have to be in the right place at the right time. With God the right place is not precisely a geographical point in the map but the posture of our heart. How do we approach God? With what intentions and with what intentions we wait on him? That is going to determine our posture. Waiting on God with the correct posture is the key to receive what he has ready for us.
- 2. God's timing is perfect. Waiting isn't the same thing as wasting time. Having trust involves faith. They go hand on hand. Trust in the Lord demands trusting his timing is perfect. He never comes late or early. Trusting him while we wait is knowing that if we haven't received is because it is not the right time yet. It is his will to teach us to trust him and that he knows better than we can ever do. With God waiting is not the same thing as wasting time, waiting on the Lord is investing and sowing in the right place.
- 3. What is the right gift? Gifts can come and many shapes and forms. But the gift God wants us to have is greater than any. He wants us to have the fire of the Holy Spirit. After that all other gifts come below this great gift. Receiving the Holy Spirit transforms us and empowers us to walk through life understanding it through a kingdom vision. Opening our minds to a higher level of understanding and discipleship, as well as a seal of salvation. That is why the right gift is not a thing that the moths eat, and the rust destroys, or thieves may steal. It is the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. All other things are added after this.

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