



# SERMON NOTES

SEASONS – A SEASON TO WAIT- PASTOR SANDRA JUNE 1ST 2025

## **Acts 1:4-8**

**“One day Jesus was eating with them. He gave them a command. “Do not leave Jerusalem,” he said. “Wait for the gift my Father promised. You have heard me talk about it. John baptized with water. But in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Then the apostles gathered around Jesus and asked him a question. “Lord,” they said, “are you going to give the kingdom back to Israel now?” He said to them, “You should not be concerned about times or dates. The Father has set them by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other.”**

## **Acts 1:4**

**“Wait in Jerusalem for the gift My Father promised.”**

## **Acts 1:6**

**“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

### **1. WAITING IS GOD’S PREPARATION**

## **John 15:26**

**“But I will send you the Advocate - the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.**

### **WHY DO WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY?**

**i. The Holy Spirit helps us understand God’s word.**

## **John 14:26**

**“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**

**ii. The Holy Spirit empowers us to have strength not to sin.**



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**Galatians 5:16** "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

**iii. The Holy Spirit produces Godly character in us.**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

**iv. The Holy Spirit guides our decisions.**

**Romans 8:14**

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

**v. The Holy Spirit helps us pray.**

**Romans 8:26**

"The Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

**vi. The Holy Spirit gives us boldness to witness.**

**Acts 1:8**

"You will receive power to be my witnesses."

**vii. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to bless others.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

## Reflection Questions:

- 1. How might God be using this season of waiting in your life to prepare you for something greater?**
- 2. Are you more focused on what you want from God or who God is making you to become in the waiting?**
- 3. How can you practice stillness and trust while remaining spiritually alert during seasons of delay?**



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## 2. A CALL TO WAIT IN EXPECTANCY

**Acts 1:4**

**“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised.”**

**Isaiah 55:8,9**

**“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your way and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”**

- 1. Abraham and Sarah - Waiting for a Promise (Genesis 12-21)**
- 2. Joseph - Waiting in the Pit and Prison (Genesis 37-50)**
- 3. Moses - Waiting in the Wilderness (Exodus 2-3; Numbers 12)**
- 4. Hannah - Waiting in Silent Suffering (1 Samuel 1-2)**
- 5. David was Anointed, but Not Yet King (1 Samuel 16, 2 Samuel 5)**
- 6. The Disciples -Waiting for Pentecost (Acts 1, 2)**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**“But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”**

### Reflection Questions:

- 1. Do you believe that God’s promises are worth the wait, even when they don’t come on your timeline?**
- 2. Which of the biblical examples of waiting (Abraham, Joseph, Moses, etc.) inspires you the most, and why?**
- 3. How can you shift from passive waiting to active expectancy in your prayer life and spiritual walk?**



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## 3. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

**Acts 1:5**

**“John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

### Reflection Questions:

- 1. What does it mean to you personally to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?**
- 2. How open are you to receiving everything God has promised through the Holy Spirit even if it stretches your comfort zone?**
- 3. What steps can you take to position yourself to receive more of the Holy Spirit in your life?**

## 4. THE FULFILLED PROMISE

**Acts 1:8**

**“And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

**i. Boldness replaced fear**

**Acts 2:14**

**“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...”**

**ii. The church grew supernaturally.**

**Acts 2:41**

**“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”**

**iii. Believers will filled with power and spiritual gifts.**



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**Acts 2:4**

**“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”**

**iv. A new community was formed**

**Act 2:42-45**

**“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”**

**v. Signs and wonders followed**

**Acts 2:43**

**“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.”**

**vi. The world took notice**

**Acts 2:47**

**“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”**

**Acts 17:26**

**“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”**

## Reflection Questions:

- 1. Where do you need the boldness of the Holy Spirit to replace fear in your life?**
- 2. How is God calling you to be His witness in your family, neighborhood, workplace, or beyond?**
- 3. What would it look like for you to live as someone “filled with power and spiritual gifts,” just like the early believers?**