

THE BOOK OF

ACTS

Keep Calm... Wait for God



1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

Acts 1:1-14



3 to whom **He also presented Himself alive** after His suffering by **many infallible proofs**, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:1-14



4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from

Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

Acts 1:1-14



5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, **will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**"

Acts 1:1-14



7 And He said to them, "**It is not for you to know** times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Acts 1:1-14



8 But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:1-14



9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel

Acts 1:1-14



11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

Acts 1:1-14



13 And when they had entered, **they**
went up into the upper room
where they were staying: Peter, James, John,
and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew
and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and
Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

Acts 1:1-14



14 These all **continued with one accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:1-14, 2:1



1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come,
they were all with one accord
in one place.

Acts 1:1-14, 2:1

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4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

Acts 1:4



When God says “wait”, it does not mean that He is not answering your prayers!



14 **Wait** on the Lord; Be of good courage,
And **He shall strengthen your**
heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Psalm 27:14



2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that **the testing of your faith produces patience.**

James 1:2-4



4 But **let patience have its perfect work**, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4



6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,**' Says the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6



God has a purpose for “waiting” in our lives

What should I do when God says to wait?



15 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "**In returning and rest you shall be saved;** In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." **But you would not,**

Isaiah 30:15, 18b



**...Blessed are all those who
wait for Him.**

Isaiah 30:15, 18b



God has a purpose for “waiting” in our lives
What should I do when God says to wait?

What should I do while I am waiting?



3 **Trust** in the Lord, and **do good**; Dwell
in the land, and **feed on His**
faithfulness.

Psalm 37:3-7



**Delight yourself also in the
Lord**, And He shall give you the desires of
your heart.

Psalm 37:3-7



5 **Commit** your way to the Lord, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

Psalm 37:3-7



7 **Rest in the Lord**, and **wait patiently** for Him; **Do not fret** because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Psalm 37:3-7



*All of the action found in The Book of Acts began with **WAITING!** God's silence does not mean that God is not working!*



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.

Isaiah 40:31

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