



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### The Power of Waiting

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***Matthew 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

***Acts 1:12-14** Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. **13** When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14** They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

- **How to wait upon the Lord:** Continually remain praying for the Promise of God.

***Acts 1:15-17** In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) **16** and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. **17** He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."*

- **How to wait upon the Lord:** While waiting on God's new commands go back to His last commands.

***Acts 1:18-22** With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. **19** Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) **20** "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: "'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of leadership.' **21** Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, **22** beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."*

- **How to wait upon the Lord:** Keep serving Him right where you are.

***Acts 1:23-26** So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. **24** Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen **25** to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." **26** Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.*

- **How to wait upon the Lord:** Take in the moment – its preparation for what is to come.

*Acts 13:1-3* Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. **2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

- **TRUSTING GOD:** Walking in God's will begin with embracing your spiritual gifts and boldly stepping into your divine calling.

*1 Corinthians 12:1* Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

*1 Corinthians 12:7-11* Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

- **How God defines waiting:**
- They came together in obedience – Following God's commands.
- They came together in prayer – Fellowshiping with God's Spirit.
- They came together in to study scripture – Finding God's direction.
- God is using this time of waiting to prepare an environment where you can truly see Him.
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