

**Podcast Episode Notes**  
**S7 Ep 3 Why Does God Want Us to Wait?**

We all have something. Something we've prayed about for a very long time. Waiting is hard, but God does something in the midst of it. He reveals His goodness through the work He is doing inside of us. God grows our dependence, aligns our hearts, and builds our trust in His timing.

Scripture References

Acts 1 & 2

1. "He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:3-5

2. Who was there?

a. "And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said..." Acts 1:13-15

3) What was God doing in the waiting?

a. He Grew Their Dependence

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father...And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:12, 16-17

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:25-27

"I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." John 16:7

iii. As you will see, come the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, their hearts were desirous of and desperate for the promise of the Holy Spirit!

b. He Aligned Their Hearts

1. Unity - "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer..." Acts 1:14

2. His Kingdom Message

"He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." Acts 1:3

c. He Built Trust in His Timing

"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. "And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." Acts 2:1-14, 37-41

C. Life Application

1) Are you trusting the goodness of God in the midst of your waiting?

2) Where is He growing your dependence and reliance on the Holy Spirit?

3) Where is He aligning your heart?

a. Your reactions are windows to your heart?

4) Where is He building trust in His timing?

For more on waiting on God, check out Chapter 6 in Lionshare's primary discipleship tool, A Discipleship Journey, [here](#).

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