

Required to Wait
Acts 1:4-8 & 12-14, 2:1-4

After Jesus's resurrection, the disciples received His instructions, enjoyed His company, and learned more about the promised _____. But when Jesus ascended, He commanded them to "_____." "Wait" is a fundamental word in _____ lexicon.

Despite dozens of passages of Scripture imploring us to be patient and wait for the Lord's actions on our behalf, waiting represents one of the most _____ for God's people.

Our human temptation is always to _____ when we should be _____. But why does God command us to wait when we feel the need for His intervention _____?

We must wait because God's timing is _____. We are called to align our lives with God's calendar, not vice versa. The reference to "the times and dates the Father has set by his own authority" reminds us of that. Like a brilliant _____, our God is orchestrating the movements, the notes, and even the "_____" of your life for your benefit and His glory. It is crucial that we trust Him as the _____ of our lives.

God also commands us to wait because in waiting our trust in Him is _____ and _____. The Bible says the apostles returned to Jerusalem and "all joined together constantly in _____." Devoted to prayer, they experienced communion with God and one another and _____ to receive the promise of the Spirit.

God uses waiting to drive us to our _____ so that, when the time is right, He might reach down and _____ to stand, trusting in His strength—what feels like a _____ is a necessary _____.

Acts 2 reveals that when the Spirit finally came upon them, they were _____. Waiting made them so. If we would redeem our times of required and unwelcome waiting by aligning our calendars with His and by devoting ourselves to prayer, we will hear His emboldening promise of sufficient _____ and awaken to the presence of His empowering _____ in our lives.