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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

There are times in all of our lives when we feel perplexed and uncertain of the future. Decisions to make, uncertain, situations to resolve, perplexed, not knowing which way to turn and what decisions to make. In times like these we must do as Jesus commanded the disciples to do after His ascension, that was to 'wait'. But it wasn't an aimless 'wait', it wasn't an excuse 'to do nothing' wait, it was a wait of purpose. *Acts 1 v 4 – Jesus said to them - "... but wait for the Promise of the Father which, saith He, ye have heard of Me" verse 5 - "For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence".* The disciples, instructed by Jesus, were to wait, stay in Jerusalem, until they were baptised with the Holy Ghost.

Their waiting was for a purpose and even though they didn't know what to expect they knew something was going to happen to them soon. It was, in fact, 10 days later that what Jesus had told them to wait for happened. 10 days doesn't seem a long period of time. However, when you want something to happen, 10 days can seem an extremely long time. When you are waiting for something to happen, news of a request or reply concerning a situation, 2 days can seem ages. When you are in need of 'answers' days seem like a week, a week can seem like a month. So if you are at this time 'waiting' for something to change or happen or get answers, bear in mind that when 'committed to Christ' His timing is always perfect, and He answers and changes things just at the right time for you. Never too early, never too late, just at the perfect time. So in the meantime what are we to do?

Continue in prayer concerning these things. Know that God hears you and will answer you. Put into place everything that you believe God is telling you. Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and 'wait'. Staying put and waiting was not wasting time, nor wasn't doing nothing. It was under the instruction of Jesus and it was for the purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them.

For in *Acts 2 v 1-2* we read - *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as if a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Verse 3-4 – And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance".*

What they were waiting for happened, and they knew it. This changed their whole situation and their lives. For NOW they were able to go forth into the world with the Power of God within them to fulfil God's Will in them for their lives. No longer were they unable to go about in fear. They were able to make clearer decisions, speak precisely and clearly, and were able to show that God was alive through the miracles that took place as God worked through them.

This was a vital part of their own personal experience with God and they were able to explain all this with clarity as God took hold of Peter to stand up and speak of all that was going on, how Christ came to bring salvation to all those who would believe his message.

Acts 2 - verse 37 - "... and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Verse 38 – Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".

Verse 39 - "for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call".

And so in our waiting an answer will come and when it does come it will change your life. When this happens you cannot believe what it was like 'waiting'. The Power of God changes things, the Holy Spirit changes you and your situations.

Trust Him. Believe Him. Live in Him. In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.