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*After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

**Acts 1:3-5 (NIV)**

## WHAT WAITING DOES

1. WAITING EXPOSES YOUR CHARACTER
2. WAITING TESTS YOUR RESOLVE
3. WAITING SWEETENS THE ARRIVAL

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE WAITING ON GOD

### 1. PRAY

*Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 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. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **Acts 1:12-14 (NIV)***

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)**

### 2. PRAISE

*... And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done! **Acts 2:11 (NLT)***

*I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols. **Ezekiel 14:5 (NIV)***

### 3. PREPARE

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **Acts 1:8 (NIV)***

## ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?