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SERMON TITLE

WAIT FOR IT

SERIES

FROM EMPTY TOMB TO UPPER ROOM

DATE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:4-5

SYNOPSIS

What feels like delay may actually be God preparing you for what He's about to do.

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

What feels like delay may actually be God preparing you for what He's about to do.

“Wait for the gift my Father promised.” (Acts 1:4)

Notes:

THE GAP

Sent — but stopped. Commissioned — but not yet equipped. The next thing didn't show up on the timeline you expected. The wait is not evidence that you got it wrong. Sometimes the wait is the evidence that you got it right.

“Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” (Habakkuk 2:3)

Notes:

NOT A DELAY — A SETUP

Jesus says wait FOR the gift my Father promised. The wait isn't an obstacle. It's part of the mission. Sent in the locked room. Equipped in the upper room.

“In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:5)

Notes:



THE WAIT IS THE WORK

The wait isn't just preparing the gift. It's preparing the people who are going to receive it. He doesn't send the ready. He readies the sent.

“Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Rom. 5:3-4)

Notes:

POWER IN THE WAIT

The payout isn't just a more patient version of you. The payout is power. And the Spirit doesn't only come at the end of the wait. He comes into the wait. He sustains you in it.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 27:14)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

What if the gap you're in right now isn't God forgetting you — but God forming you?
What if the same Spirit who fell at Pentecost is already at work in your wait — not just at the end of it, but right in the middle of it?

The wait is real. But so is He.

Notes:
