



## In the Waiting . . .

*By Bryan Trotter on February 4*

### **READING:** Acts 1

Let's face it, no one likes waiting. In the drive thru line, the drop off/pick up line at school, at the airport waiting on a delayed flight, etc., we often become frustrated and impatient when we have to wait. We know what we want and we want it now. Unfortunately, pursuing instant gratification is part of our fallen nature, yet patience is a Fruit of the Spirit for a Christ follower.

Imagine how the disciples felt in Acts 1. They experienced what few men or women in history experienced. They lived with Jesus, heard His teachings, saw the miracles, watched His death on the cross, spoke with the resurrected Christ and saw Him ascend to Heaven. In the years that the disciples followed Jesus, they experienced so much. The next step was clear for them when Jesus told them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the end of the earth. These men were ready to go and tell others what they had seen and heard, but Jesus had other plans. He told them to stay in Jerusalem to be baptized and empowered by the Holy Spirit. They were ready to go, but first they had to wait. What was their response to the waiting - Anger? Frustration? Impatience? They responded by worshipping God with great joy and blessing Him in the temple (Luke 24:52-53).

No one likes to wait, especially when we know the next step that God is calling us to take. We feel so excited when God calls us to take the next step in our walk with Him. While we cannot control how long we will wait, we can control how we respond in the waiting. We are to worship God in the waiting.

Does God have you in a season of waiting? How are you responding to the situation? Are you frustrated because you are ready to take your next step, or are you worshipping Him while you wait? Ask God to search your heart and spend some time worshipping and blessing him today.

**PRAYER:** Father, You are faithful even in times of waiting. Please help me trust Your plan and process while I wait.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** Acts 2

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