

## WAITING ON THE EDGE OF A MIRACLE

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Acts 2:1-13

Imagine sitting among the 120 persons praying in the Upper Room. They were waiting for what God promised them. The disciples didn't realize that they were literally waiting on the edge of a miracle. God is pouring himself into us individually and collectively. God is up to something; and we should be excited about it. We are literally waiting on the edge of a miracle. Some of you are on the outskirts of a blessing and don't even realize it. It is hard to believe considering the present state of our world. The problem is we don't know how long we have to wait. Whatever you have been struggling to wait on and crying about is coming. We ask God for something and when He brings it to pass we are surprised. God fixes us in ways we can't even imagine. We expect Him to come one way and He comes in another way. **Ephesians 3:20** Go with the flow knowing that God is going to come through. He works in incredible ways. **Isaiah 43:18** You've been struggling for too long. You've been waiting for God to come through. Know that your deliverance is near. Believe in what God says. We serve a God that works in mysterious ways. You don't understand how God works; but just let Him have his way. He always comes through in unconventional ways.

You shall live to proclaim the wonders of God and tell the world what God has done for you. Someone else needs that encouragement. God breathes into our lives new life. The situation in Israel rendered them inoperative but the Spirit called them to get up and be the people God called them to be. How many of you wake up realizing the new day brings new mercies and opportunities from God for you? He wants us to begin to see new possibilities in Him. **John 3:3-8** In the text, the Holy Spirit blew in new thoughts and desires. He shakes us up and upsets the status quo. He fills us with unlimited potential and causes us to believe that anything is possible in our lives. Dream dreams. Dreams reveal to us the reason we were created in the first place. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us dream by planting a seed of possibility in our minds. People will try to box you in by telling you what you can and cannot do. Don't let them tell you what is not possible in your life. They don't know what God has deposited in your heart.

We need the Holy Spirit to blow into our lives like the wind to shake up some stuff up and get us out of our boxes. When the Spirit comes it is a miracle like the Miracle of Pentecost. It is a higher power exercising a higher law expanding our potential. The people in the Upper Room were worshiping and praying. They were open to the Spirit and the Spirit infused them with power and possibility. You don't know how to start a business but the Holy Spirit can infuse you with the knowledge you need. You don't know how to build a ministry but the Holy Spirit will give you direction.

In the text, the Spirit not only showed up as wind but also as fire. Fire, like wind is a symbol of God's presence. **Luke 3:16** We may not mind wind because we can stand a shakeup in our lives. However, we don't want to be burned. The Spirit-like fire burns bad things from us. He removes from us those things we know we need to get rid of. We don't have to stay the same; we can change. Change that we can all believe in is hard. It means we have to accept some things in our reality that we don't want to accept. We will have to get rid of some things; and that's why we don't get close to the fire. On a cold, wintry night we like fire to

provide us comfort and heat; but we don't want to get too close. The heat is so much more intense there. You keep jumping out of God's fire when the heat gets too hot and that's why you can't get right. When the fire burns it burns off the sin. You can't see clearly because of too much sin.

On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit not only burned up some things, but he also created a passion with in them. It was a passion for God, the world, and people. A child is willing to risk. A child loves everybody until we teach them differently. Don't completely forget where you came from and that there are still people in need back there. In the text, there were no instruments, praise team, or choir. It was just the Holy Ghost. When you realize what God has done for you, you ought to give God praise everyday of your life for being more than what you thought you could be. The Lord blesses us beyond measure. Don't let anyone keep you quiet and stop you from praising Him. They shouldn't be able to shut you up. Praise confuses people. They want to know why you are so happy on that job or riding that bus. You have to be filled with the Holy Ghost to be excited about God. Feed your spirit and let Him be large in your life. Give Him praise, glory, and honor. The Holy Spirit only comes to those who have invited and accepted God as their personal Lord and Savior. God is the only one who can make you new.

Peace.

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