



## #2 Waiting in Prayer to be Empowered for Mission

**Acts 1:1-14**

### THE RECOUNTING OF KEY GOSPEL EVENTS

**Acts 1:1-3** *In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

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### THE REQUIREMENT TO WAIT FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 1:4-5** *And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

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### THE REDIRECTING OF FOCUS TO THE MISSION

**Acts 1:6-8** *So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

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### THE REPORT OF CHRIST’S ASCENSION AND THE PROMISE OF HIS RETURN

**Acts 1:9-11** *And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were*

*gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

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### THE RESPONSE OF UNITED, PERSISTENT, POWERFUL PRAYER

**Acts 1:12-14** *Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

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#### CLOSED CIRCUIT FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH...

- 1) WE TOO need to regularly remind each other of the key events of the **GOSPEL STORY**.
- 2) WE TOO need a rich and full experience of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.
- 3) WE TOO need to redirect our focus to our part in our risen King’s continuing **MISSION** on the earth.
- 4) WE TOO need to be reminded of our Lord’s promise to come back one day as **EXALTED KING** over all the earth.
- 5) WE TOO need to devote ourselves to **PRAYER!**