

A Place Called Obedience

Acts 1:3-9

Recalling moments of **GRADUATION**.

Ready or not?

Vs. 3 Jesus speaks to them about **THE KINGDOM**.

Vs. 4 Jesus gives his disciples a **COMMAND** to wait for the gift the Father has promised. (Luke 24:49 & Luke 3:16)

Vs. 6 The disciples ask “are you going to **RESTORE** the kingdom to Israel?”

Vs. 7 Jesus said “it is not for you to know.” He’s pointing to God’s sovereignty.

Vs. 8 Jesus said “it is for you to receive **POWER**, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses.”

***OBEDIENCE LEADS TO POWER
AND POWER LEADS TO WITNESS***

Obedience:

- The Message: “...on no account were they to leave.”
- Justifying Disobedience with a Spiritual **SMOKE SCREEN**.
- 1 Samuel 15:22
- Waiting is not Wasteful!

Power:

- The disciples still did not understand the KINGDOM.
- They needed the Gift of the Holy Spirit to understand and have power.
- Potential Power Posers.

Ephesians 5:18-19 “Be filled”. A command that we make the decision day-in and day-out to live lives submitted to God’s Holy Spirit. ... connotes ongoing action. Its not once and for all and you’re covered.

Witness:

- Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the Earth: Geography and CULTURE.
“Neutrality and indifference to culture are not an option. Fear keeps Christians marginalized in society, but the Holy Spirit empowers us to engage.” - Bryan McCabe (LAMP)
- Justified Offenses

Small Group Questions

- Am I waiting on the Holy Spirit?
- Am I being obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- Am I settling for any “power posers”?
- How is my witness?