



## Wait for the Spirit

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-21

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The Church's mission in terms of relationships of Up, In, and Out

UP: relating to God as both Father and King.

In God as Father we find our core identity, in God as King we find our mission.

We cannot KNOW God as Father apart from the word/revelation of the Spirit.

We cannot SERVE God as King without the empowering of the Spirit.

Jesus told His disciples to **wait for the Spirit**: Acts 1:4,8

Always our first work, this waiting.

The perennial temptation toward independence and self-sufficiency.

The Tower of Babel story in Genesis 11:1-9

Seeking to know Him on our terms, trusting in our own power to accomplish.

Independence spirals into isolation, apart from God and apart from one another.

Unlike the Genesis 11 folk, the disciples wait and pray: Acts 1:12-26

In God's timing the Holy Spirit falls upon them and fills them: Acts 2:1-8

The Spirit comes as rushing wind (**power**) and tongues of fire (**word**/revelation)

Knowing God truly (declaring the "greatnesses" of God)

Knowing God in particular as **Father**: see Acts 1:4,7; 2:33

Serving God supernaturally (speaking in unlearned tongues as witness) as **King**

The Spirit in us is the necessary center of all Up, In, and Out relationships

Adopting a posture of absolute and constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit

Acknowledge This, Pray for, Wait For, Look For, Expect

And do not grieve the Spirit by failing to love one another: Ephesians 4:25-32

Loving one another is the sign of the Spirit at the center: Eph 4:1-3

Just as the desolate Tower of Babel remains the sign of self-sufficient independence

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## **At Last**

Walk slowly beside the road  
As others rush past  
And do not hurry to catch up.  
At last you will. At last.

Count on the miracle  
To be what makes the difference  
And do not hurry to fix what remains.  
At last all will make sense.

Pray before moving. Listen.  
Notice the tree limbs swaying  
And the way the sun plays off the hills.  
And when you are done praying

Move strong and fling yourself  
Even where you cannot see to grasp  
The hands to hold you up.  
At last you will. At last.