

## **A Radiant Mission**

Acts 1:12-126 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 948)

Acts 1:4 “Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.”

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

God the Father is a promise maker and promise keeper.

What do you do while waiting for a promise to be fulfilled?

- (1) Obey whatever you were last told.
- (2) Remain faithful to pray and be united with others.

Hebrews 10:19-26;31-39 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1087)

- (3) Warning: Don't outpace the Holy Spirit.

We are all awaiting the promise of Jesus' return; remain faithful.

2 Peter 3:2–10 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles. <sup>3</sup> Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.” <sup>5</sup> They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. <sup>6</sup> Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. <sup>7</sup> And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. <sup>8</sup> But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

## **PRACTICING THE WAY**

*As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.*

**Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.**

**Read the Gospel of Luke.**

**Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)**

- Read Acts 1:12-26. What do you notice within this passage?
- What is one thing you loathe, having to be patient?
- Waiting isn't always bad; it can be a preparation period. What are some Biblical examples of people who prepared during the waiting? Can you relate to any of these stories?
- Read Hebrews 10:19-39. What do you notice within the passage?
- How would you describe unity? What are some things that destroy unity?
- Read 2 Peter 3:2-10. How can we remain faithful while we wait for Jesus to return?