

SERIES THEME: PAUSE ON PURPOSE

WEEK 1: PAUSE FOR POWER — — - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ac 1:7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." 9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Ps 46:10 "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

WE FIND OUR LIVES, BUSINESSES, CHURCHES PAUSED. SOME OF US ARE ANGRY. SOME OF US WORRIED. SOME OF US FEEL WE HAVE LOST ALL CONTROL. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT GOD IS DOING. TAKING AN EVIL SITUATION AND USING IT TO PLACE US ON PAUSE.....ON PURPOSE AND FOR A PURPOSE.

I AM STILL AMAZED THAT JESUS PAUSES THE DISCIPLES INSTEAD OF SENDING THEM RIGHT AWAY TO A DYING WORLD. THEY WERE FORCED TO PAUSE BEFORE BEING DEPLOYED.

IN THE PAUSE IS WHERE THE POWER IS RELEASED. IN THE PAUSE IS WHERE CHARACTER IS DEVELOPED. IN THE PAUSE IS WHERE HUMAN PLANS WANE AND THE PLAN OF GOD STARTS TO REIGNS.

1. PAUSE FOR PRAYER BEFORE YOUR MISSION

PRAYER FOR TEN DAYS

PRAYER PRODUCED UNITY

PRAYER WAS THE POSTURE OF FAITH

2. PAUSE FOR PREPARATION BEFORE YOUR MISSION

FIFTY DAYS FROM PASSOVER

Heb 6:15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

RESURRECTION POWER PLUS PENTECOST POWER

Heb 10:35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

PATIENCE IS THE KEY TO FULFILLED PROMISES

Heb 6:11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

3. PAUSE FOR POWER BEFORE YOUR MISSION

Acts of the Apostles 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.”

THE POWER YOU HAVE IS NOT ENOUGH

THE POWER YOU NEED COMES FROM ABOVE

“SOUND FROM HEAVEN”

THE POWER IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER YOU FOR PURPOSE.

Ac 2:17 `AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, `THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

CHIEF AIM OF MAN- TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER