



Sunday Bible Study Guide | June 8, 2025

Sermon

The Great Wait - Pastor Josh Hotsenpiller

Scriptures: Genesis 2:7, Isaiah 40:31, Luke 23:46, Luke 24:49, Hebrews 10:36, James 5:7-8, 2 Timothy 2:3-5, 2 Timothy 4:2, Acts 1:4-5, and Acts 2:1-2.

Context: Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven to fill the Disciples and establish God's church on earth. Pastor Josh taught us that waiting on the Lord does not mean doing nothing. In order to fulfill God's destiny for our lives, we must be present and persevere. Like the Farmer, we must trust the process. Like the Athlete, we must train ourselves. And like the Soldier, we must avoid getting entangled in civilian affairs. Instead, we are to seek to please our Commanding Officer [God].

Prayer

Take a moment and pray for our church, that we will wait on the Holy Spirit, but persevere in the plans God has for us. Pray for your Circle Group and for each member, first that you will know that God has a destiny for you. Secondly, pray that you will trust God's plan for your group and for your life, you will train yourselves to be ready to fulfill God's destiny, and you will avoid getting entangled in civilian affairs, but seek to please your Commanding Officer.

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Isaiah 40:31, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5 and James 5:7-8. What do these verses say we are to do?
2. Read Hebrews 10:36 and 2 Timothy 3-7. What do these passages say we are to be doing in the meantime (while we are doing the answer to question 1)?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. What does it mean to wait on the Holy Spirit today?
2. What does it mean to be like a farmer, a soldier, and an athlete as we wait on the Holy Spirit?

3. Read Genesis 2:7. What does it mean for us that God breathed life into Adam?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Pastor Josh said, "We can waste an incredible amount of time and energy because we have to wait rather than being present in the moment." How can we be more present in the moment even when we have to wait on or for something?
2. As the Holy Spirit continues to work in you to fulfill God's destiny for you, what does it look like for you to trust the process like the Farmer? How can you better do that in your life?
3. As the Holy Spirit continues to work in you, what does it look like for you to train for the performance like the Athlete? Do you need to rebuke yourself regarding some areas of your life? In what areas can/will you commit to improve?
4. What steps can/will you take to avoid getting entangled in civilian affairs, and instead, seek to please God, your Commanding Officer?

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

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