

How To Handle Life's Interruptions

When A Time of Inactivity Slows You Down – Use unexpected downtime to prepare for what's next.

Acts 1:4-8, 12-14; 2:1-4

Interruption is a change or stoppage of your normal or regular activity.

I. Acts 1:4-8 (Wait patiently for God's promises & maintain faith in Him)

A. Sometimes we must wait patiently for the promises of God. (vs. 4-8)

Isaiah 25:1 (AMP); Romans 8:25 (AMP); Genesis 15:13-14 (AMP); Jeremiah 29:10 (NLT)

B. We may not know exactly when God's promises will be fulfilled therefore, we must maintain trust or faith in Him. (vs. 6-8)

Hebrews 11:6; John 14:1-3 (CEB); Matthew 24:36, 42 (AMP)

II. Acts 1:12-14 (While waiting, follow God's directions & live by His Word)

A. While we are waiting for God's promises, we must follow His specific directions. (vs. 12-13) (*Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem: Acts 1:4*)
Luke 6:46; Luke 19:11-13 (CEB)

B. While we are waiting for God's promises, we must live according to God's Word. (vs. 14)

Colossians 4:2 (AMP); 2 Timothy 2:15; James 1:22; Hebrews 10:24-25 (AMP)

III. Acts 2:1-4 (Keep following God's directions & He will fulfill His promises)

A. While we are waiting for God's promises, we must keep following His specific directions. (vs. 1-4) (*They were still in Jerusalem: Acts 2:5*)
Deuteronomy 4:2; Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NLT)

B. God's promises will always be fulfilled. (vs. 1-4) (*Joshua 21:45 NIV*)
Acts 2:5-12 (NLT); Exodus 12:41; Ezra 1:1-3 (AMP); Ezra 2:1

Words of Encouragement:

“ 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Next Lesson: When Doing God's Work Is Interrupted – Acts 16:4-15