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SERMON TITLE

STAY IN THE ROOM

SERIES

FROM EMPTY TOMB TO UPPER ROOM

DATE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:12-14

SYNOPSIS

What feels like delay may actually be God preparing you for what He's about to do.

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

Don't leave the room where God is about to move. The people who received Pentecost stayed where Jesus told them to stay—together, in prayer.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..." (Acts 1:14)

Notes:

THE PLACE

They went back where Jesus told them to wait. A borrowed room. Nothing special about the address—except that they stayed in it.

God's instructions almost always come with an address. Go to Nineveh. Stay in Jerusalem. When He tells us where, the where is part of the obedience.

Heaven doesn't fall on empty rooms.

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised." (Acts 1:4)

Notes:

THE PEOPLE

They didn't scatter. They stayed together—the eleven, the women, Mary, and Jesus' brothers, who hadn't believed during His ministry (John 7).

The first prayer meeting in church history is a room full of people with stuff to process—together.

The Spirit shows up where the people show up.

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Notes:



THE PRAYER

Constantly. Devoutly. Ten days of prayer before anything visible happened. They chose prayer when they could've chosen a hundred other things.

Pentecost found them praying.

“Pray continually.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Where did Jesus tell you to stay—and have you been staying?

Jesus stayed in Gethsemane. He stayed on the cross. He stayed in the tomb. He stayed in every room the Father put Him in. **You can stay because He stayed first.**

“For the joy set before him he endured the cross...” (Hebrews 12:2)

Notes:
