

THE CORONA CHRONICLES: GOD'S UNPLANNED PLAN #7
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"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." Psalm 27:13-14 NIV

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"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up. His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him..." "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

John 11:12-15, 21-23 NIV

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4 NIV

GOD'S UNPLANNED PLAN?

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"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." Acts 2:2 NIV

PARTICIPATING WITH GOD'S RELEASE OF POWER

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"Whoever receives me receives him who sent me." Matthew 10:40 NIV

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:7-8 NIV

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"

Eph. 5:16-18 NIV

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25 NIV

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But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words." Acts 2:14 NIV

"Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2 NIV

"All the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united as one man." Judges 20:11 NIV

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"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and

they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need” Acts 2:43-45

“If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.” Matthew 5:40-42 NASB

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“In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:1-7 NIV

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“They sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.”

Acts 11:22-24 NIV

“Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers.” Acts 15:32

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Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!” Acts 4:8

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION

HOW HAS GOD USED THIS WAITING TIME TO PREPARE YOU FOR HIS RELEASE OF POWER?

WHAT ASPECT OF PARTICPATING IN GOD’S RELEASE OF POWER IS MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU PERSONALLY AND WHY?

HOW WILL YOU CONTINUE TO STAND – AS ONE – WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN PRACTICAL WAYS GOING FORWARD AS PART OF YOUR NEW LIFESTYLE POST-COVID?

WHO IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CLEARLY AND AUTHENTICALLY SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST WITH IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT HELP OR SUPPORT DO YOU NEED TODAY TO MAKE SURE YOU DON’T MISS THIS MOMENT OF INFLUENCE FOR CHRIST?

