***While You’re Waiting***

Acts 1:12-26

*What can you and I do while we are waiting?*

**PAST: While you are waiting… *Don’t let your past define your future.***

*Don’t judge me by my past. I don’t live there anymore!*

*Don’t let your past define your future!*

**PRESENT: While you are waiting… *Seek direction/guidance*.**

1. Let God’s Word guide me.

**2 Peter 1:21 (NIV)**
For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1. Let God’s people prayerfully guide me.

*Who has my ear?*

**John 17:20-23 (NIV)**
20  "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21  that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22  I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23  I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

*Is my fellowship an answer to Jesus’ prayer?*

1. Let God guide me.

**FUTURE: While you are waiting… *Let today prepare you for tomorrow*.**

* Pursue faithfulness = What to do while you wait.
* Pursue humility = What to be while you wait.

*Will I wait humbly, or grumbly?*

**1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)**
Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,

that he may lift you up in due time.

* Pursue God’s will. = Who to seek while you wait.

*Thy will be done. Nothing more. Nothing less. Nothing else*.

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* Pursue a whole heart. = What to become while you wait.

*How fit is my heart?*

**1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)**
But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)**
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.