



Life in the Meantime



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Zechariah 14:3-4

- ³ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as [a]when He fights on a day of battle. ⁴ In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.



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Acts 1: 6-8 – God’s Plan for You

- So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, **“Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”**
- ⁷ He said to them, **“It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;**
- ⁸ **but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- and *you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*



Two KEY Words

- Power – Dunamis
 - **power for any thing, even performing miracles**
- Witness – Martyr
 - Legal term – **called to tell the truth about what you have seen or heard**
- The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to tell what you have experienced - with *miraculous* results!!!!
- **NOW YOU ARE TALKING, JESUS!!!!**



Acts 1:9-11

- And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into [h]the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.
- ¹¹ They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into [i]the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”



These Poor Disciples

- Called by Jesus, experienced miracles, awesome teaching, inner circle
- Inspiring Palm Sunday march
- Then Jesus' arrest – their betrayal – the crucifixion – hope is crushed, fear, despair
- Glorious Resurrection!! NOW the Kingdom will come – all our hopes finally fulfilled!!!
- No, not yet, but you are going to be my witnesses with miraculous power to tell my Story!!!
- Well, alrighty then. Put me in COACH!!



In the Meantime

- And then, at the very height of their joy, he is gone – shockingly, amazingly, irrevocable GONE!
- They are left staring slack-jawed into space and once again left confused and dismayed
- The angels say, “Don’t freak out. You will see him again; he is going to return in the same way you saw him leave!”
- **BUT WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THE MEANTIME????????!!!!**



Great Question

- Never in a million years did they think they would have to do this without Jesus leading the charge while they just picked up the leftovers.
- NOW WHAT?? He is Gone. What will they do until he comes back? Panic sets in again
- They didn't yet understand what the plan was, or that in just a few days heavenly fire was going to fall and the power of God would transform them into something like superheroes, or that they were going to see miracles again
- They didn't understand that Jesus was going to be closer than ever. They were just afraid and confused



What about your meantime?

- Can you imagine what that must have felt like? Maybe you have felt that way, too, or you are even feeling that now.
- While you are waiting for everything to be fixed, you have to **keep on living life in the meantime**
- God isn't finished and He hasn't abandoned you and you do have a future and a hope
- You just have to keep living and keep trusting



Tell Your Heart to Beat Again

- You're shattered Like you've never been before
The life you knew In a thousand pieces on the floor
And words fall short in times like these
When this world drives you to your knees
You think you're never gonna get back
To the you that used to be
- **Tell your heart to beat again Close your eyes and breathe it in Let the shadows fall away Step into the light of grace Yesterday's a closing door You don't live there anymore Say goodbye to where you've been And tell your heart to beat again**



By Danny Gokey

- Beginning Just let that word wash over you
It's alright now Love's healing hands have pulled you through
So get back up, take step one Leave the darkness, feel the sun
'Cause your story's far from over And your journey's just begun
- **Tell your heart to beat again Close your eyes and breathe it in**
Let the shadows fall away Step into the light of grace
Yesterday's a closing door You don't live there anymore
Say goodbye to where you've been And tell your heart to beat again
- Let every heartbreak And every scar
Be a picture that reminds you Who has carried you this far
Cuz love seems further Than you ever could
In this moment heavens working Everything for your good



Our Mission, Our Message – You are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY