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Pentecost & The Promise Do You Hear What I Hear?

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Title: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Acts 1:6-8

“Then they gathered around him and asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’

He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

Theme:

Hearing Beyond Your Context – How the disciples’ expectations shaped what they heard, and how Jesus redefined the meaning of *kingdom* through the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Focus:

Even after walking with Jesus, the disciples struggled to understand His message because their context – living under Roman rule – caused them to interpret His words through a political lens rather than a spiritual one.

This study explores how to hear God’s voice accurately when our circumstances try to distort His meaning.

1. Historical & Cultural Context

Aspect	Description
Political Setting	Rome ruled Israel through military power and heavy taxation.
Jewish Expectation	The people longed for a <i>Messiah-King</i> to overthrow Rome and restore Israel’s sovereignty.
Disciples’ Perspective	They expected Jesus to bring political deliverance and national revival.

Aspect	Description
Jesus' Purpose	To bring spiritual transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Insight:

They were expecting a throne; Jesus was preparing them for an *outpouring*.

2. Key Verse Breakdown — Acts 1:6

“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

What They Meant:

- “Are You going to overthrow Rome?”
- “Is this the moment of national freedom?”

What Jesus Meant:

- “The Kingdom isn’t coming through politics; it’s coming through power — the Holy Spirit’s power.”
- Restoration wasn’t about borders — it was about hearts.

† 3. Jesus’ Redirection — Acts 1:7-8

Verse Focus	Meaning
1:7 “It is not for you to know times or seasons...”	Jesus shifts their focus from <i>timing</i> to <i>trust</i> .
1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...”	He introduces the real restoration — the empowerment of the Spirit for global witness.

Key Takeaway:

Before the Kingdom could expand, it had to be *experienced* — through the Spirit living within them.

4. Do You Hear What I Hear? — The Power of Perspective

Their Context:

Roman control, national longing, social oppression.

Their Filter:

They heard “kingdom” as *Israel’s political restoration*.

God’s Context:

A Kingdom not of this world — one that would reign in human hearts.

Our Challenge Today:

We often hear God’s promises through our problems instead of His purpose.

5. Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do you think the disciples’ national and cultural context affected how they interpreted Jesus’ words?
2. What “filters” or “empires” in your life might shape how you hear God — fear, success, pressure, past wounds, or expectations?
3. Why do you think Jesus focused on the coming of the Holy Spirit instead of giving them a timeline for restoration?
4. How does receiving the Holy Spirit empower believers to hear and understand God differently today?
5. What does it mean for the Kingdom of God to be “within you” (Luke 17:21) rather than around you?

6. Key Principles

Principle	Explanation	Supporting Scripture
1. Context influences comprehension.	Your situation can shape how you hear God — stay Spirit-led, not circumstance-led.	John 16:13
2. The Kingdom is spiritual before it is physical.	Empowerment must come before expansion.	Acts 1:8
3. God redefines restoration.	He restores hearts, not just systems.	Joel 2:25–28
4. The Holy Spirit tunes our hearing.	The Spirit interprets the heart of God beyond culture and emotion.	1 Corinthians 2:10–12

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5. Obedience positions us for outpouring.	Waiting in Jerusalem wasn't inactivity – it was alignment.	Acts 1:4

7. Application: Hearing Beyond the Noise

- **Pray:** Ask God to reveal where your expectations may be blocking your understanding.
- **Pause:** Slow down before reacting to God's direction – wait for clarity from the Holy Spirit.
- **Position:** Stay faithful where you are (your "Jerusalem") until God releases new instructions.
- **Practice:** Train your ear through prayer, worship, and Word study – spiritual sensitivity grows through consistency.

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." – Romans 10:17

8. Reflection:

"Do you hear what I hear?"

The disciples heard politics; Jesus spoke promise.

They heard restoration; He spoke revelation.

They were listening to Rome; He was speaking from Heaven.

What you hear depends on the frequency you're tuned to.