

WAITING ROOMS

ACTS 1:9-26 | ERIC SIMPSON | MAY 24, 2020

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⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

What do you do when you've let go of what used to be and you haven't taken hold of what will be?

- **Releasing** – loosening our grip, refusing to clutch/grasp

Acts 1:12-13

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying...

- **Obedying** – not allowing what we don't know to prevent us from doing what we do know, obeying what we know in the strength that we have

Moving from WHEN-THEN to OBEY-TRUST.

"Obey God and leave the consequences to Him." – Charles Stanley

Acts 1:15-16,20

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus...²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.' "

- **Scripture** – God's word giving guidance & perspective

Acts 1:23-26

²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

- **Deciding** – preparing for when you exit the waiting room