

#### 4-29-18 Sermon Title: The Details You Remember

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- To see the development from a small movement, to a worldwide movement.
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The Four Main Details of our passage:

1. A command for the disciples to stay in Jerusalem, when Jesus promises that they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
  - a. We know this is memorable because they obeyed this command, and we will see what happened at Pentecost.
  - b. The disciples were in danger staying in Jerusalem
2. Jesus' graceful answer to yet another bad question from the disciples.
  - a. He re-directs their question to an amazing truth.
    - i. We don't need to know every detail of God's plan
    - ii. Instead of giving us answers, he gave us power through the Holy Spirit.

3. Jesus telling his disciples, and us, that we will be his witnesses.
  - a. The book of Acts is showing us how the disciples fulfilled the Great Commission.
  - b. There are 2 ways to witness, with your words and your deeds.
    - i. We need to do both
4. Jesus is going to return someday
  - a. Don't get discouraged with the bad things of this world, because we know that Jesus will return someday to make things the way that they should be.

These details should be remembered by us today as well, because they are so important.

- Often God's timing is not our timing.
- No matter how many times someone asks us what we perceive to be a dumb question, we need to answer with grace.
- Jesus tells us that we will not know all of God's plan, and we need to be ok with God being in charge and not us.
- Jesus calls us to be his witnesses too.
- Don't forget that Jesus is coming back.

Challenges:

1. Seek out God's timing in your life, don't give in to your impatience.
2. Be gracious with people this week wherever you go.
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