



# Closer

## Worth The Wait

### Key Scripture

Proverbs 18:24 TLB

There are "friends" who pretend to be friends, but there is **a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

### 10 Days...

Acts 1:3-5 NLT

3 During **the forty days after His crucifixion**, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. 4 Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, **"Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

### What keeps people from being Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

- ✓ **Not believing God's promises.**

Acts 1:4 NLT

**"Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before.**

- ✓ **Not waiting with expectation.**

Acts 1:5 NLT

John baptized with water, but **in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**"

- ✓ **Not knowing Jesus as the baptizer.**

Luke 3:16 NKJV

John answered, saying to all,

"I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**"

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### Why It's Worth the Wait...

1. **The Holy Spirit gives you power to live a victorious life.**

Romans 8:9 NLT

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature.

**You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.**

1 John 4:4 NLT

But you belong to God, my dear children. **You have already won a victory** over those people because **the Spirit who lives in you is greater** than the spirit who lives in the world.

2. **The Holy Spirit gives you power to overcome the devil.**

Acts 10:38 NLT

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit and with power.** Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

3. **The Holy Spirit gives you power to be a witness.**

Acts 1:8 NIV

But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.** And **you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4 TNIV

1 **When the day of Pentecost came**, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

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