

Walking It Out

"You'll Never Walk Alone" - Pastor Jachin Mullen

Key Verses: Ephesians 6, Acts 2

We are living in a leadership void right now globally in government, business, education, media and even the church.

We experienced the **Great Resignation**

2021 – 47 million people in the US left their jobs

2022 – 50 million more left

We then experienced the **Great Hesitation**

- The lack of leadership leads to uncertainty economically, socially, politically

We now have the **“By Stander Effect”**

We hear a lot of people saying “Man, things are a mess – somebody better do something” but that somebody is never them

In Acts 2 we see a very similar situation. The disciples lived in a huge leadership void.

They followed Jesus, they thought he would accomplish certain political & social reforms and then he died on the cross and the result was they scattered.

When Jesus is resurrected he appears to different disciples at different times, regathering them, teaching them and then once again He leaves with the instructions of Just wait – I’m sending the Holy Spirit (John 16: 7)

Talk about a leadership void, the great resignation (they scattered) the great hesitation (is this really you Jesus) the Bystander Effect (as they stood and watched him ascend to heaven) and they did three things

1. They Waited (Perimago) to remain, to endure – not passive killing time but active standing and believing
2. The Received – Act 1:8 – you will receive power was the promise and they received it in Acts 2. We all need a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
3. They Stood - Acts 2 – “But Peter, standing with the 11” we usually focus on just Peter but I want to emphasis the eleven
 1. When good leadership stands – stand with them
 2. Peter delivered the message but he had a team with him

So what does a Champion do?

We wait – feet dug in deep

We receive – let the Holy Spirit empower you again

We Stand – we allow the Holy Spirit to knock off any cynicism, criticism, scarcity mindset, uncertainty, hesitation

How Do We Do This?

Ephesians 6 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[b]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

We stand TOGETHER

Its time to come together and come out of resignation and hesitation and become champions

Questions

1. Do you feel like you have been walking alone and need to relink arms in some areas of life? How about in relationship to your life in the church?
2. Have you felt the pull to either outright resign or be hesitant to commit to anything? If so can you share how or what area of your life?
3. Pastor talked about waiting in faith. Is there anything you are still waiting in faith for? Perhaps you can pray about it tonight in your FAM group.
4. We are in our Champions series. How does this week's message challenge us on our journey to becoming champions of the church?
5. Tonight, when you pray, please take the time to ask the Holy Spirit to empower each person in your Group as well as ask God for a fresh enduement of the Holy Spirit to fall in Home Church.