Do you understand the “sweet pain of waiting” for His presence? Is the joy of His arrival worth the pain of the wait?

Jesus told the disciples to “tarry” or patiently wait on the arrival of God’s fire in the person of the Holy Spirit. They followed His instructions without question. They waited and served God in prayer and unity until the time of the divine delivery arrived.

The events of Pentecost were the answer to the prayers offered up during those ten days, which we may call the incubation period of the Christian Church.

Waiting, tarrying, and incubation – all of these words speak of patience, endurance, and eager anticipation of something more and greater coming our way. The bottom line is this: no matter how impatient you may feel, there simply is no substitute for the “real thing” and God’s presence comes \textit{when, how, and where} God chooses.

\textbf{Acts 1:4-8 NKJ}

\textit{4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”}