





# WAITING IN A HURRY UP WORLD

- What are we waiting for?
- Who are we waiting for?
- Why we don't wait well
- What waiting well looks like


# WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

- Healing
  - Restored relationships
  - Financial relief
  - Find a friend/spouse
  - A child to .....
  - Success in business
  - Dream to be fulfilled
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# WHAT IS CAUSING THE DELAY?

- God doesn't hear me
  - He is ignoring me
  - He is punishing me
  - I'm doing something wrong
  - I don't have enough faith
  - My "little" life doesn't matter to Him
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# WHAT DO WE SOMETIMES DO DURING THE DELAY?

- Stop praying/hoping
  - Try to fix it, figure it out ourselves
  - Give up on hoping
  - Hide our feelings about it
  - Say, “It’s fine.”
  - Isolate ourselves
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# WHO ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Psalm 62: 1-2 A psalm of David

Only in God do I find rest;  
my salvation comes from him.


Only God is my rock and my salvation—  
my stronghold!—I won't be shaken anymore. GNT

God, the one and only—I'll wait as long as he says.  
Everything I need comes from him, so why not?  
He's solid rock under my feet, breathing room for my soul,  
An impregnable castle: I'm set for life. MSG

# WHO ARE WE WAITING FOR?

**Isaiah 40:28-31** NLT

<sup>28</sup> Have you never heard?  
Have you never understood?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of all the earth.  
He never grows weak or weary.  
No one can measure the depths of his  
understanding.



# WHO ARE WE WAITING FOR?


Isaiah 40:28-31 (cont.)

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the weak  
and strength to the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will become weak and tired,  
and young men will fall in exhaustion.

<sup>31</sup> But those who trust in the Lord will find  
new strength.


They will soar high on wings like eagles.  
They will run and not grow weary.  
They will walk and not faint.



# Jesus's invitation:

Mathew 11:30 MSG

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the **unforced rhythms of grace.** I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”





# Paul's words to Timothy

2 Timothy 1:7 CSB

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.




## God's words to Paul 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

“My grace is enough; it's all you need.  
My strength comes into its own in your weakness.”


Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness.

Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.


# WHY DON'T WE WAIT WELL?

- We are self-absorbed
  - We are only focused on the here and now
  - We live in and have adopted a “hurry” existence
  - We are distracted by many things
  - We aren't concerned about “soul care”
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When we don't care for our souls,  
these are the consequences:

1. We feel distant from God
  2. We feel distant from ourselves
  3. We feel an undercurrent of anxiety that rarely goes away
  4. Then we get exhausted, we feel a deeper kind of tired
  5. Then we turn to our escapes of choice
  6. We become easy prey for the enemy
  7. Then emotional unhealth sets in
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# WHAT WAITING WELL LOOKS LIKE

- Active, not passive
  - Confidence in His promises
  - Takes an Eternal viewpoint
  - Honest before him, doubts and all.
  - Takes good care /guarding our souls.
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# WHAT WAITING WELL LOOKS LIKE

- Yielding to his purpose,, his shaping (even if we don't know what that is)
  - Leaning on the Holy Spirit, appropriating his amazing strength and power
  - Waiting/walking in faith, not what we see
  - Waiting within a community of faith
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## Ephesians 3:14-19 NLV

I pray that because of the riches of His shining-greatness, He will make you strong with power in your hearts through the Holy Spirit. I pray that Christ may live in your hearts by faith. I pray that you will be filled with love. I pray that you will be able to understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep His love is. I pray that you will know the love of Christ. His love goes beyond anything we can understand. I pray that you will be filled with God Himself.

