

# WAITING #3

## Psalm 37:1-9

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Sunday a.m.

### SLIDE 1 – WAITING #3 – MAIN SLIDE

- 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – Deep love for God, His Word & presence

### SLIDE 2 – PREFACE FEEDBACK TIME –

- Text the church phone: 775-322-3004 with your insights/questions & your name

### SLIDE 3 – WAIT – \*DEFINITIONS & MEANINGS

- **Def. “to wait for” – QAVAH** – *to wait patiently, w/hope & trust*
  - *To look for, hope, expect; look eagerly for, to linger for*
  - *To be constant & diligent in persevering in waiting for something*
- Waiting (waiting for the Lord) ≠ sitting around doing nothing – boredom
- Doing what we know to do WHILE actively looking for/seeking out God
  - Think about how many instructions are given about seeking God
  - Waiting involves ACTIVE faith – expectant, eager, not in a hurry

### SLIDE 4 – PROMISES & COMMANDMENTS

- Promises – something God does/pledges to do w/o regard for what we can do
  - Faith/trust is a “God-promise” – Abraham – **Gen. 12**
    - God-Promises – believe it & receive it – Christ’s goodness
- Commandments – instructions God gives to us to DO & FOLLOW
  - To be obeyed & put into practice to the best of our ability
  - Like **John 13:34,35** – the Great Commandment – do this & live blessed
  - Can’t “work” to fulfill a PROMISE; those are on God

### SLIDES 5-7 – PSALM 37:1-9

### SLIDE 8 – PSALMS AS A SONGBOOK

- The 150 Psalms – 5 songbook compilations – the ‘vocabulary’ of God’s people
  - Psalms of Ascent, mourning, lament, celebration, encouragement, life
  - An expression for every experience (emotion, feeling, etc) under the sun
- Rehearsing God’s goodness, faithfulness, character, statutes & PROMISES
  - Just a small town girl... Whoa, we’re halfway there...

### SLIDE 9 – MORE THAN A SONG

- BE MINDFUL: when we’re reading the Psalms/singing the songs

- Songs inform & shape our *theology* – who is God? What is He like? What does He do? How do we interact with Him? Basis of our (ongoing) relationship w/God? Etc... The lyrics matter
- The Psalmists → C'mon people! This is US! This is how we ROLL!
  - Here's us, here's God → remember, rehearse, revisit, remind, repeat
  - How many times do we sing when we have no words of our own?
  - Encouraged, strengthened, comforted, healed, faith-ed up

**SLIDE 10 – DON'T FRET \*KINDLED TOWARD EVIL... Commandment**

- Fret not – *to be hot, furious, burn, become angry, be kindled* – be at peace
  - The prosperity (seeming no consequences) for evil/wrong doers
  - They will soon fade – God's Word reveals consequences

**SLIDE 11 – TRUST IN THE LORD & DO GOOD... Commandment**

- Our source of life & hope is in the Lord – TRUST Him
- Look to DO GOOD – what would Jesus BE & DO if He were in my shoes
  - Dwell in the land – play the long game – invest in God's way for life
  - Befriend faithfulness – get acquainted w/faithfulness, perseverance

**SLIDE 12 – DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD & HE WILL GIVE... Promise**

- Delight – *to be delicate, of dainty habit, be pampered* – TREAT YO'SELF
  - *Take exquisite delight, make merry over*
- ...& He will give you the desires (longings) of your heart (center of being)

**SLIDE 13 – COMMIT & TRUST... HE WILL ACT... If/Then**

- COMMIT your way (your whole life) & TRUST in Him, & He will act → promise
  - He will bring forth your righteousness & justice as the light – to be seen
  - Bring forth (reveal what's there, produce it IN you)

**SLIDE 14 – BE STILL & WAIT PATIENTLY... Promise**

- Be still & wait – don't fret (it leads us/kindles a fire of our hearts towards evil)
- Esp. when we see evil prospering – there will come a day

**SLIDE 15 – CALM YOUR HEART & WAIT FOR THE LORD... Promise**

- Refrain from anger & forsake wrath; *fret not, it kindles us toward evil*
- Evildoers SHALL be cut off, but:
  - Those who WAIT for the Lord shall inherit the land
  - The Land – “the Promised Land;” inheritance, blessing, God's favor

**SLIDE 16 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

**SLIDE 17 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS**

- Hillside APP – prayer requests – text to church phone or [WEB@Hillside4.org](mailto:WEB@Hillside4.org)
- Make sure “Notifications” are on for both “General” & “Prayer” notifications

**SOME INSIGHTS ON WAITING**

- Unoccupied time seems longer than occupied time
- People want to get started (exam room, menu ‘while you wait’)
- ANXIETY makes waiting worse/seem longer
- UNCERTAIN waits are longer than known/finite waits
- UNEXPLAINED waits are longer than explained waits
- UNFAIR waits are longer than equitable/fair waits – no cutting!
- Waiting ALONE feels longer than waiting with others.