

# WAITING #1

## Isaiah 40:27-31

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Sunday a.m.

### SLIDE 1 – WAITING #1 – MAIN SLIDE

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – growing in discipleship
- Year not going as expected, anticipated, or hoped for, BUT...
  - Jesus knew... & Jesus knows... He is still on the throne
  - **Romans 8:28** – *God works all things together for good for those called according to His purpose... to be conformed to image of Son, Jesus.*
- 2020 – Deepening love (appreciation?) for God, His Word, His presence

### SLIDE 2 – PREFACE FEEDBACK TIME –

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

### SLIDE 3 – THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WAITING

- Waiting in lines (Disneyland “approx. # of minutes from here)
- Waiting at the Dr. – usually not in/out at scheduled time
- Waiting w/o an idea of an end in sight

### SLIDE 4 – MORE PSYCH. 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.

### SLIDES 5-7 – ISAIAH 40:27-31

#### SLIDE 8 – KNOW THE SOURCE? – God’s Character, Nature, Resume’

- Isaiah writing to a nation in exile – afraid, isolated, unheard, unknown, ‘stuck’
- No idea when (IF?) they will ever return to family land/inheritance - perspective
  - V27 – *God has no idea what’s going on with me; surround by injustice*
- **ISAIAH:** Excuse me? Who are we talking about here?
  - The Lord – the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth
  - He doesn’t faint or get tired; His understanding is beyond measure
- **THIS** is our God; **THIS** is WHO He is – Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent
  - **THIS** is what our God does for His people who fully rely upon Him

## SLIDE 9 – GOD WILL PROVIDE

- God gives His divine power (strength & might) to the faint (weary & fatigued)
- To those with no might (vigor, strength, wealth/goods) He increases strength
  - Our life, hope, & future ≠ our own resources/lack thereof
- Supernatural – rooted & sourced in God/His nature/provision
  - ...even youths shall be faint & weary (they'll tire eventually)
  - ...young men shall fall exhausted (those seen to be in peak fitness)
- But those who *WAIT FOR* the Lord shall RENEW (recharge) their strength
  - Supernatural strength – from beyond our own resources
  - Power of the HS to keep going long after we 'shoulda' run down

## SLIDE 10 – TO WAIT FOR – \*word meanings

- Def. "to wait for" – to wait, to be patient, w/hope & trust
  - look for, hope, expect; look eagerly for, to linger for
  - to be constant & diligent in persevering in waiting for *something*
    - not white-knuckling through it...

## SLIDE 11 – WAITING FOR THE LORD

- Waiting (waiting for the Lord) ≠ sitting around doing nothing – boredom
- This picture of waiting is ACTIVE not passive;
- 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
  - Trusting God as our source for what we need (even if we don't know what it is that we need), showing a child-like faith & trust in Him –
    - Kid doesn't know HOW needs are met, only WHO meets them

## SLIDE 12 – WAITING TODAY

- What does this look like for us today? Unknown, pandemic, shifting timelines
- Establishing & embracing a pattern of biblical 'waiting for the Lord' – PSYCH

## SLIDE 13 – THE PSYCH ON WAITING – REVISITED

- Unoccupied time, anxiety, uncertain waits, unexplained waits, unfair waits, solo
- How can we *lean into* our WAITING FOR the Lord in light of this?

## SLIDE 14 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

## SLIDE 15 – 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

- Gov. Sisolak – 30 days “Stay at home” directive through 4/30/2020
  - Looking at that as the date/time when we go back to “normal”
  - Vs. a date to potentially begin re-engaging on a limited basis
    - Kinda like after being sick, slowly reintroducing foods
  - Battling the funk, fear, isolation, disruption, etc...