

WAITING #6

Psalm 126

05/17/2020
Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – WAITING #6 – MAIN SLIDE

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

SLIDE 2 – FEEDBACK TIME – Post on FB Live Stream or text 775-322-3004

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
- Rehearsing God’s goodness, faithfulness, predictable goodness

SLIDE 4 – WAITING (& ACTING) IN FAITH

- In the current season of waiting – REHEARSE goodness of God – Week #2
- This is WHO He is; this is WHAT He’s done; this is HOW He’s worked before
 - Because of this, I can trust He will do it again – this IS **Psalm 126**

SLIDES 5,6 – PSALM 126

SLIDE 7 – ABOUT RESTORATION

- FB memory – *on this date...*
- Story – May 6 in Frankfurt – invited to Mens’ Breakfast @ Kingdom Life
- SURPRISE – asked to speak after breakfast? What do you have for us today?
- **Psalm 126** – Bible reading plan – wrote in journal – personal prayer
 - Personal/family – struggling financially, dark time for kids, etc.
 - Church – just planted church w/30+ people going – big people & \$ hit
 - Morris Chapman – I Will Restore – prophetic declaration
- Definition/implication – *turn again; redirect; bring back; restore; repair*
- God’s promise to Israel 20x – “I will restore”

SLIDE 8 – SOMETHING IS BROKEN

- In order for restoration to happen, 1st something has to be broken, lost, etc.
- Context of God’s promise to restore Israel
 - Lost land, inheritance, future, legacy – nothing left
 - Disobedience, complaining, idolatry, rebellion
- In the time of hurt, brokenness, lack, despair, stuckness – what do we do?
- Remember God’s promises (HE fulfills those.) & rehearse His goodness

SLIDE 9 – ...LIKE THOSE WHO DREAM

- When you restored our fortunes before, we were like those who dream
 - It had been so long, like we can barely remember the before
 - When it happened... almost can't believe it. Am I dreaming?

STORY – Undercover Boss – owner of company etc. Response? "Is this real?"

SLIDE 10 – WITH SHOUTS OF JOY

- A response to God's intervention in our devastation – when we know it's real
- Mouth's are filled with laughter & our 'tongues' with shouts of joy

STORY – Making home affordable – refinance process

- Shouts of joy – when/where do we feel ok to do this?
- Too concerned w/self or what others will say – OR nothing else matters

SLIDE 11 – THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

- God's intervention – a testimony – this is what I do for My people
 - Wow – did you hear about that? The Lord has done great for them
 - The Lord has done great things FOR US – we are glad!
- The Lord's done great things FOR US – part of our life narrative/story

STORY – wish I had your parents

SLIDE 12 – STREAMS IN THE DESERT

- We're in trouble now – present day situation – RESTORE OUR FORTUNES
 - Like streams in the Negeb – desert south of Israel
 - Wadis – dry riverbed; evidence of water flowing through it, dry now
 - When the rains come, the wadis turn into streams/rivers in the desert
- The evidence is You, O Lord, have done this before – do it again!

SLIDE 13 – SOW IN TEARS...

- Those who sow (plant their crops) in tears SHALL reap w/shouts of joy
- Have to sow NOW so that there can be a harvest/abundance later
- Picture of a man headed to the fields w/seed of sowing
 - People are hungry, food is scarce, this seed could be made into things that will fill our bellies NOW... but if we do that, no future harvest
 - Sowing is an act of faith – in God's provision, processes, & power
 - He will restore – just gotta wait for it

SLIDE 14 – ...REAP w/SHOUTS OF JOY

- The same guy who sowed in tears, now gets to come home to his family w/a harvest – the sheaves of grain – provision, healing, restoration – LOOK

- Shouts of joy – the Lord has done great things FOR US –
 - Perseverance, waiting in faith, obedient to all I know to obey

SLIDES 15,16 – GALATIANS 6:7-10

SLIDE 17 – GIGO – LAW OF THE HARVEST

- GIGO – Garbage In, Garbage Out
- Don't fool yourself – you can't mock/pull one over on God
- Whatever you plant in your life, you will reap a harvest at a later date
 - Sow to flesh – you'll reap corruption & rot
 - Sow to the Spirit – you'll reap eternal things that won't go away - LIFE

SLIDE 18 – KEEP GOING: DON'T GIVE UP

- Don't quit – don't stop – keep going – God WILL fulfill His PROMISES
- God will restore → Keep doing good – esp. to brothers & sisters
- Psalm 126 – remember what God HAS done – invite Him to current situation
 - Tears now, a harvest (& shouts of joy) later

SLIDE 19 – 2020: COMPELLED BY JESUS

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled, directed (strongly)
- **Romans 8:28** – *we know that for those that love God, all things work together for good, for those called according to His purposes*
 - Purpose – to be conformed to the image of Christ
 - To be becoming fully mature in Christ, as measured by Christ
- We are the managers – what are we doing re: be ready for action?
 - What are we doing with the time we have (COVID-19)?

SLIDE 20 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- Embrace the process – the wait gives us chance to invest in our belief/faith in God... w/o seeing desired result first

SLIDE 21 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS

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