

WAITING #2

Psalm 40

04/26/2020
Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – WAITING #2 – MAIN SLIDE

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – growing in discipleship
- Year not going as expected, anticipated, or hoped for, BUT...
- 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 – 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
 - 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

SLIDE 4 – WAITING...CAN BE DIFFICULT

- Are we there yet? How much longer? Is it almost done?
- Hotel lobby complaints – elevators take too long – MIRRORS
- Dr.'s waiting room – how much longer? – interior waiting room
- Disneyland lines around the block – signs everywhere – approx. wait time
- Airplane delays – sharing a REASON why waiting

SLIDE 5 – 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.

SLIDES 6-12 – PSALM 40 – WHOLE CHAPTER

SLIDE 13 – WAITING: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

- U2 – 40 – the Psalmist – revisiting his ‘waiting’ moments – past, present, future
 - I waited patiently (1 word) for the Lord – WHERE is he waiting patiently?
 - He inclined (stretched out to me) & heard my cry
 - Brought me out of the pit of destruction, miry bog/miry clay
 - Set my feet upon a Rock, secure footsteps, new song, song of worship
 - Rescue of the Lord evident – many see & fear, put trust in Him

SLIDE 14 – REHEARSE THE GOODNESS OF GOD – PAST

- In the current season of waiting – rehearse goodness of God
- This is WHO He is; this is WHAT He’s done; this is HOW He’s worked before
 - **Romans 10:17** – Faith comes by hearing, hearing by Word of God
 - Commands throughout Scripture – pass it on to next gen so they LEARN, so they KNOW, so they LEAN on Him as well
 - Cassidy & Romans 8 – memorization
- Blessed is the person who puts trust in Lord
 - None can compare with Him – psalmist: I will proclaim & tell BUT there’s more than can be told... No shortage of examples of God’s goodness
 - THIS is why we can wait patiently, even in the pit of destruction/miry bog

SLIDE 15 – DELIVERANCE, FAITHFULNESS, SALVATION, LOVE

- God has delivered me – I told the ‘great congregation’
- His deliverance, faithfulness, salvation, love – this is our God
 - Phylacteries/tefillin – ‘constant’ presence of Word in head & hands

SLIDE 16 – MERCY, LOVE, FAITHFULNESS – PRESENT

- Our God is a predictably Good God – nothing to do with our pain/disease terrible circumstances – Jerry Cook
- Preserve me – evils beyond # encompass me; sin/consequences overtaken me
 - I can’t see – I’m buried here, they’re innumerable; my heart fails (funk)

SLIDE 17 – PRAYER: A CRY FOR HELP – PRESENT

- Deliver me; make haste to help → HURRY, I’m drowning here
- Let the enemies be put to shame & totally disappointed at what they tried to do
- Let them be turned back & dishonored & appalled
 - But as for those who SEEK You...

SLIDE 18 – PRAYER: FOR ALL WHO SEEK YOU – PRESENT/FUTURE

- May those who WAIT for You, who SEEK You out, who DEPEND fully on You
- May they rejoice & be glad IN YOU... & declare GREAT is the Lord (rehearsing)

SLIDE 19 – PRAYER: BY THE WAY, I NEED YOU – PRESENT/FUTURE

- I am poor & needy... You take thought of me (inclined to me, heard my cry)
- Identifying God – my HELP, my DELIVERER
 - Hurry – don't delay God

SLIDE 20 – I WAITED & I WILL WAIT

- This is an intention, an orientation of heart, mind, will, life
- Here's where I waited before – here's where I declared God's goodness
- Here's where I am now - & here's what I do when I'm in the thick of it

SLIDE 21 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 22 – 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

- 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...