

WAITING #5

Luke 12

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Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – WAITING #5 – 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 – JESUS ON WAITING

- Waiting (& our behavior, priorities, etc) is a topic Jesus touched on many times
- Usually in the form of parables (familiar type of applicable/relatable story)
 - To help the hearers (& those who seek/dig deeper) understand MORE
 - “The Kingdom of God is like...” some of these are about WAITING
- E.g. **Matt 25** – 10 bridesmaids waiting for the groom...oil, lamps, wise, fools
 - About Jewish weddings – bride/bridal party waits at home for groom
 - No idea when the groom is going to show – usually at night (lamps)
 - When he does show, wedding ceremony happens, then reception at the groom’s house (**John 14** – I go to prepare a place for you)
 - Bridesmaids – job is to be ready to rock, w/full lamps & extra oil
 - 5 wise/5 fools – consequences for waiting poorly
- **Luke 12:35-48** – context: Sermon on the Mt/parallel to **Matthew 6**
 - Today’s passage is also dealing with waiting, weddings, & feasts

SLIDES 5-7 – LUKE 12:35-40

SLIDE 8 – BE READY FOR ACTION

- We’ve talked about *waiting on/for the Lord* throughout this series –
- Here’s what Jesus says this might look like... *like men waiting for their Master to come home from the wedding feast so they can open the door to him AT ONCE – being awake/about Master’s business*
 - **Ex 12:11** – same language given for Passover/pre-Exodus – BE READY
 - Eat it ready to hit the road (fully dressed, belt/shoes on, & staff in hand)
 - A time is coming for which we need to be prepared – Master’s return

SLIDE 9 – BE PREPARED

- Keep your lamps burning – vigilance, preparedness, trained, etc...
- BE & DO the things that we KNOW God has called Christ-followers to do
- Stuff that is explicitly stated in the Scriptures – don't gotta pray about it
 - Christ-followers → follow Christ – **Luke 9:23-27**
 - Be a disciple/make disciples (I'm not a public speaker) – **Mt 28:18-20**
 - Love others like Christ loves us – **John 13:34,35**
 - Consider others, w/selfishness or conceit – **Phil 2**
 - Do good in Jesus' Name – **Luke 6:35**

FB comments – what are some others "it's in the book" instructions?

SLIDE 10 – BE AWAKE *THERE'S A BLESSING w/IT

- What does it mean to be "awake"? *To watch, be awake, be vigilant*
 - also– *to avoid catastrophic situations caused by neglect or laziness*
- There's a blessing from the Master that comes w/being awake/vigilant
 - He will come & reward them w/HIM – to come & serve at His table
 - **Isaiah 25/Rev. 19:7-9** – Messianic banqueting table promised
 - Finest meats & wines/blessed are those at Marriage dinner of the Lamb
- If He comes in the 2nd or 3rd watch of the night...6-10 p.m., 10-2 a.m., 2-6 a.m.

SLIDE 11 – BE READY

- This isn't the kind of thing you can fix afterwards (horse & barn, put away toys)
- If you knew WHEN & HOW the thief was coming, you wouldn't let him, but...
 - In the same way, BE READY b/c the Son of Man is coming like this
 - At an hour you will not expect

SLIDES 12-15 – LUKE 12:41-48

SLIDE 16 – FOR US OR FOR ALL?

- Peter – Jesus "Is this parable for us (disciples) or for all (everyone?)
 - "Are you telling THEM this too?"

SLIDE 17 – FAITHFUL & WISE MANAGERS

- Jesus doesn't answer Peter; He talks about the faithful & wise 'managers'
 - DEF: *Stewards – manager of household(s); entrusted by the head of the house w/management of all business & personal tasks – includes caring/providing for other servants & household members*
- Looking for practical application for the parable in **Luke 12:35-40**
 - Those who wait well the Master can trust; they are & will be blessed
 - Parable of the talents – 1, 2, & 5 – do business in the Master's Name

SLIDE 18 – FAITHLESS & FOOLISH MANAGERS

- Lazy, neglectful – opposite of “Be ready for action”
- They look at present circumstances & think “This is how things will be”
 - “I’ll be able to put stuff together before Master gets back”
 - Mistreating other servants, feasting w/o regard for Master’s instructions

SLIDE 19 – SOWING & REAPING

- The Master will return at a day/time unknown to the manager – promise!
 - The faithless foolish manager will get ‘cut to pieces’ & cast out
- Servant who KNOWS Master’s will & doesn’t ACT according – severe beating
- One’s who DO NOT know Master’s will (& don’t do it) – light beating

SLIDE 20 – MUCH GIVEN, MUCH REQUIRED

- Great power, great responsibility → Spider Man (w/Uncle Ben) – Voltaire
 - Winston Churchill – the price of greatness is great responsibility
- EVERYONE – who God gives much to, will give account for
 - Been entrusted with great responsibilities – will give account for

SLIDE 21 – 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 22 – 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 23 – 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