

Sermon Title: Don't Wait

Sermon Series: My Story

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:9, 12:1

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Ecclesiastes 11:9 ESV

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 ESV

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years approach when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them."

Mark 1:15 ESV

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel."

Hebrews 12:7-8, 6 ESV

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons...For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.

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Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know You

Share of a time where you waited too long for something and missed out on it.

Our culture has a fear of missing out, but we tend to miss out on the most important things of life, why?

Note: In some cases the questions below will work just as they are written. Sometimes they will serve as inspiration for questions more relevant to the sermon. Use the questions that work, move on when they don't. It's rare that you will need them all. At least one question from each section is probably a good idea.

Into the Bible

What is something from this passage that we can learn about God?

What are his characteristics?

What does he do or communicate?

What does he not do or communicate and why?

From your other personal Bible reading, what did you learn or see about God that relates or correlates to what this passage is talking about?

As you reflect on this passage or this past week's sermon, what is God trying to say or show us?

What one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, encouraging, new or difficult to grasp?

Application

If you were to live out these verses, what would be most challenging for you to trust God with?

When and where do you struggle the most with waiting too long to spend time with God or experience His grace?

How would your life change today or this week if you live out what God is teaching you?

Are you called to do something? Go somewhere? Serve someone? How are you going to live this out at home, in your work, or in your leisure time?

Pray and Share

This week, what are some ways you can get to know the grace of God better?

What might you need to prioritize or say no to, to make this happen?

Who can you share this with? You can say something like "May I share how something like this can happen to you?"

What victories have you seen God give you this week?

What can we pray for you about this week? What challenges or struggles are you facing? What is on your heart? (have someone use the prayer journal to record requests and answers)?