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Message: While We Wait

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Introduction

The world is crazy, and so are people. It's easy to forget the peace, joy, hope, and love that Jesus, through Christmas, brings to us! In the middle of life, it's important to never forget, God is with us!

Emmanuel

Emmanuel is the Hebrew word and it's actually the same word in Greek, and it means God with us! The name Emmanuel appears in the Bible three times, twice in the OT; Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 8:8-10, and in Matthew 1:23.

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Introduced in Isaiah 8:8 talking about the enemies that will come against God's people...

Isaiah 8:10 (NLT)

Call your councils of war, but they will be worthless. Develop your strategies, but they will not succeed. For God is with us!

Matthew 1:23 (NLT)

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

It's crazy that we see a prophecy around 7 centuries before the birth of Christ become reality 700 years later when a virgin from Nazareth named Mary became engaged to Joseph, and soon after found out through the

power of the Holy Spirit, she was pregnant. Mary gave birth to the physical presence of God through Jesus, and Joseph became His earthly father. This was also the pivoting point in changing something known as religion to something known as relationship. Religion started out based on obedience to God's law, but it quickly became a legal platform for dos and don'ts based on rituals and rules. God realized, people were worshipping the rituals and the rules and leaving Him out. That's when He knew He had to squash religion and emphasize relationship. To do this, He sent Jesus from heaven to earth in the form of a baby. God wants to not only have a spiritual relationship with Him; He wants to show us what a personal relationship with Him looks like. Once He was born, Jesus spent the next three decades pouring Himself into the world He created; and He spent his last three years pouring into the disciples who would show the world His love.

—Pastor Chad

Then with the ultimate sacrifice, He gave us the best gift He could offer, He traded His life for ours. He died on the cross in our place, paying the price for our sins. Then He proved once and for all He is God in the flesh, when He walked out of a dead man's tomb and proved victory over Satan, death, hell, and the grave.

While We Wait

-While we wait, God is with you; God promises us His PRESENCE
-Isaiah 7:14

This is a prophecy that was told 700 years before it actually happened. That's 700 years of waiting. The people who were living then were waiting on their Messiah, their King of Kings, their Lord of Lords, their Savior, but that generation of people would never physically meet Jesus... nor the next generation... nor the next... Every generation waited and the next one waited, and the next one waited... You know what that means don't you... Regardless of what you're waiting on, God

sees you long before you see Him. God may not have physically come to earth as Jesus during that 700-year period but that doesn't mean He wasn't present. It doesn't mean God wasn't working.

—Pastor Chad

-While we wait, God is with you; God works in the WAITING

Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)

4 But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

5 God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children.

They waited 700 years, seemed like forever, but when the right time came God sent Jesus! Other verses teach us about His timing versus our timing, like Ephesians 1:10. This is the plan, at the right time God will show up and show out and do His thing! His timing, not our timing. His will, not our will. His plan, not our plan. Waiting is not wasting time when God is involved, because only He knows the right time!

—Pastor Chad

Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)

And this is the plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ- everything in heaven and on earth.

- While we wait, God is with you; God always arrives RIGHT ON TIME

Joshua 21:45 (NLT)

Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything He had spoken came true.

That passage was written about 700 years before Isaiah 7:14. It's God saying, my promises always have come true, and they will always come true! The moment Jesus was born was a shout to the entire world that God always keeps His promises! What does this mean for you? Every

promise God made to Israel, God is making to you. Love, peace, joy, and hope, it's all available to you this Christmas, but it's not limited to just this time of year, it's available year-round!

—Pastor Chad

God Knows

He knows your anxieties... your hurt... your anger... your doubt... your fear... your worry... your chaos. He knows all your hurts, your habits, and your hang-ups. He knows you inside and out, and He loves you anyway! He loves you so much, He created you! He wants you! Check this out... He wants you to want Him too!

—Pastor Chad

- He wants you to believe in Him so much, you trust Him.
- He wants you to trust Him so much, you follow Him.
- He wants you and He wants you to want Him too!

You might be going through a period of waiting

- God hears you, God sees you, and God is with you
- God is working in the waiting
- God will show up and show out, when the time is right

Waiting is not wasted when God is in the middle.

Trust in God's timing this Christmas! God is with you while you wait!

Emmanuel means God is with you, always and forever!