



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** January 2, 2022

**Theme:** Readiness in Waiting  
Reorienting our Lives to the Gospel

**Passage:** Luke 12:35-48

**Point:** The Gospel transforms our waiting as the people of God.

## 1. Wait with expectancy (12:35-36)

Prayer for Readiness and Perseverance

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For an acute sense of the reality of God's promises
- For joy that is rooted in God's faithfulness rather than circumstances
- For an urgency that Christ's return is imminent - readiness for his return

## 2. Wait with wonder (12:37-38)

Prayer for an Attitude of Service for Christ

### PRAYER POINTS:

- Confession - areas where we are prone to doubt God's ability and goodness
- For a sense of awe (worship) as we consider our future with Christ
- That our worship (individually and corporately) will be fueled by the gospel and not by personal preference

## 3. Wait in the shadows (12:37-40)

Constancy and Contentment

### PRAYER POINTS:

- Confession - We are prone to seek validation from sources other than God
- For godliness with contentment (1 Timothy 6:6)

- For a willingness to be unnoticed (John 3:30)
- That we would be obedient in the unseen areas of our lives (steady faithfulness in our daily routines)
- 4. Wait in submission (12:41-44)

Wisdom to do what Christ expects

*Every Moment Holy, "Liturgy for Serving Others"*

### PRAYER POINTS:

- Confession
  - Giving way to anxiety, worry, fear
  - Neglecting to seek first God's kingdom
- That we will have a servant's heart after the likeness of Christ (Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:1-5)
- For a spirit of submission (gladly submitted rather than begrudgingly)
- That we would see God's authority as beautiful and good; that we would help the world see the beauty of authority and submission by our witness

## 5. Wait with Focus (12:45-48)

Transformation of our Desires and Motivations

*Every Moment Holy, "Liturgy For Those Flooded With Too Much Information"*

Away from self-centeredness Toward the need and care for others

### PRAYER POINTS:

- Confession - distractedness, spiritual apathy
- Not distracted by temporal things (1 John 2:15-17)
- That we will live with a biblically shaped, eternal perspective

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