

Worth the Wait—Luke 8:40-56

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Introduction: Have you ever had to wait for something . . . ?

Today we are going to look at a Bible story where God intentionally made someone wait so that we can see why God might work the same way in our lives today.

Observations from the Narrative:

-What was at stake for Jairus to come to Jesus?

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Question to ponder: why is Jesus making Jairus wait?

BIG IDEA:

Waiting on _____ is _____ the _____!

NEXT STEPS:

1) Focus on your spiritual life this week:

- *Ask God to give you patience you as you wait*
- *Find 5 power verses to focus on*

2) Find examples of those who waited in Scripture

- *Consider: Psalm 27; Psalm 37; Lam. 3*
- *Learn how to lament!*

3) Get some help

- *Read: "Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy" or "Every Moment Holy"*
- *Learn how to lament!*

For Further Reflection:

Starting off: Read the text out loud—**Luke 8:40-56**

- 1) How has God been asking you to wait in your spiritual life? Stop and have someone in your group pray for every scenario shared.
- 2) Has your period of waiting caused you to lose your faith? If so, stop and confess this to God.
- 3) What are some "power verses" or scripture passages that we can use to help us during a time of waiting? Are there any accounts of those who waited in Scripture that can help set an example for us?
- 4) How can we step into the life of someone else who is waiting on God and perhaps starting to lose heart? What might this look like? When was the last time YOU did this?
- 5) Even if not in this life, our period of waiting on God will end. How have you been able to look back and see the works of God through past times of waiting to give you motivation for the future?
- 6) Times of waiting have caused some to conclude that God doesn't exist, or if he does, he is brutal or cruel. How would you defend the existence and benevolence of God to someone who has trouble seeing these due to times of difficulty or waiting?