

# “The Waiting Room”

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## A. Recap

For the past couple of weeks, we have been talking about the dangers of having **undeveloped faith**... Undeveloped faith gets you through until opposition comes. It is like having a jacket with holes in it... it is OK until it rains. BUT WHEN THE STORM (opposition) COMES (because it will come), the question is how will I respond: in fear or faith? When I get the doctors report, will I respond in fear or faith? When we get that unexpected bill in the mail from the doctor report, will I respond in fear or in faith? When I find out my teenager is struggling with their identity, will I respond in fear or in faith? When my marriage is falling apart, will I respond in fear or in faith?

“**Faith**”- ‘Trust; believing that God is who He says He is and that He will do what He said He would do!’

## B. Intro: This morning I want to continue the foundation’s series that we have been covering and I want to talk to you about waiting rooms!

Does anyone have places that they do not like to go... that you try to avoid at all costs. There are two places that I GREATLY dislike... the Walmart on Skibo and WAITING ROOMS. Has anybody else ever been stuck in a waiting room before? Most of the times when I am in a waiting room I get stuck there FOR HOURS (especially at the doctors). You don’t know how long you’re going to be there, sometimes you wonder if you will die before you ever get seen, etc.

I found in life that when I am believing God for something there are times where it feels like I get stuck in the “waiting room” of faith! There is always a space in between the PROMISE and the FULFILLMENT.

How do you handle the “waiting room” of faith?

How you handle the waiting room will determine if and when I see the fulfillment of the promise. Last week we learned what to do as we wait: While I’m in the waiting room I keep praying, I keep praising and I keep thanking, but if you are in the waiting room for a while waiting on a promise that seems like it may never come, have you ever wondered WHY... WHY am I still praying, WHY am I still praising, WHY am I still thanking... has it ever seemed like Jesus didn’t show up on time?

**DON’T EXIT THE WAITING ROOM TOO SOON!**

C. **This morning I want to ANSWER the question of “WHY?” whether you have been in the waiting room for a while or you just got there!**

Why should I trust Him in the first place and why should I still trust Him? Why should I trust God with my finances, why should I trust God with my marriage, why should I trust God with lost son or daughter, why should trust God that He would heal me of all my sicknesses and diseases?

**1) He is Good**

**The Goodness of God is the foundation for my FAITH...** Why do I believe God will come through for me, why do I believe God will heal my sicknesses and cure my diseases, why do I believe that ... because He is GOOD!

Catch what I just said... I did not say that He has goodness, I said that He IS GOOD. It's a vital part of who He is! Just as God is LOVE and just as God is HOLY, He is good! Just like God can't stop being holy, He can't stop being Good. Did you know you cannot over exaggerate the goodness of God!

**Exodus 33:18-19**

**18** And he said, “Please, show me Your GLORY.” **19** Then He said, “I will make all My GOODNESS pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you.”

Moses asked God... Show me your glory or show me your weight... Show me what makes you God? Show me what sets you apart, what quality distinguishes you... how can I recognize you? Moses just got done asking God to show him His ways. What's God's response... If you want to know what I'm really like, Moses... I'm going to make ALL of my GOODNESS pass before you!

In the Old Testament we see this meaning:

**“Good”** – ‘To be **“pleasant”** and **“delightful”** and **“merry”**; One who GIVES **“delight”** and **“pleasure.”**’

God is the extreme of every attribute in the best possible sense. You can spend your whole life searching out just one attribute of God and never even come close to exhausting it.

**Psalm 119:68**

**“68** You are **GOOD**, and do **GOOD**; teach me Your statutes.”

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

**“34** Give thanks to the Lord, for he **IS GOOD!** His faithful love endures forever.”

In the New Testament we see this word defined as:

**“Good”** – ‘One who has kindness of heart, goodness in action, goodness that expresses itself, a goodness that is severe in grace and tenderness and compassion.’

**Ephesians 2:7 NLT**

**“7** So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness towards us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.”

When the Bible says God is good it conveys His generosity and kindness. It means that God is generous towards you with His kindness!

We serve a God who is wealthy and rich in mercy, grace and kindness because He is good!

God is so good that He is the only one that is actually worthy to be labeled as good!

**Mark 10:18**

<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. **“ONLY God is truly GOOD.”**

God is so good that He can only produce so good things!

**James 1:17**

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

*“My faith can only go where I have understanding of His goodness” Bill Johnson*

“God is good all the time, all the time God is good” is more than a Christian slogan, it is ENTIRELY DESCRIBING THE TOTALITY OF WHO HE IS...

God is the extreme of every attribute.

The goodness of God is a lifetime journey of discovery.

**2. He SEES me**

**Luke 12:7**

<sup>6</sup> “What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them.<sup>7</sup> And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

What Jesus is saying is that if a sparrow costs merely only one copper coin, and He takes account of every sparrow, how much more are His eyes on His masterpiece! He might know when a sparrow falls, but His focus is so set on you that He knows when one (1) hair on your head falls.

Most of us have something that is valuable to us... How close do you watch that, pay attention to that? You know where it is at all times, what happens to it, etc. Why? Because it’s valuable to you... We are His masterpiece, the prized creation!

**3. He is FOR me**

**Romans 12:2**

<sup>2</sup>...let God transform you into a new person by changing (renewing) the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will **FOR** you, which is **GOOD** and **PLEASING** and **PERFECT**.”

**GOD HAS A WILL THAT IS FOR YOU NOT AGAINST!**

**“Will”** – ‘What one wishes to be done!’

Did you know God’s will FOR you is described as three things in this verse:

1. Good= joyful, happy, pleasant
2. Pleasing= well satisfying
3. Perfect= not lacking anything, not holding out on you

God’s will is always FOR you, not AGAINST you!

**Romans 8:28**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together **FOR** the **GOOD** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

If God is Good, then that means that He is working all things FOR my Good.

**2) As you are in the “waiting room”, your heart has to be settled about these three things or you can find yourself in the wrong seat!**

*[seat ticket illustration]*

*If I am not careful, I can find myself in the seat of “MAYBE” ... (Seat of Disappointment)*

People in the seat of maybe have a hard time placing their faith in God because they have experienced disappointment. They know what God has said in His word, but last time they experienced some sort of disappointment, so they are questioning if God will work on their behalf.

*Or I can find myself in the seat of “IF” ... (Seat of not knowing His will is FOR me?)*

People in this seat have prayers that sound like “if it’s His will”, or they think God will work for them “if they have been performing well.”

*Or I can find myself in the seat of “I HOPE SO” ... (Seat of wishful thinking)*

These people don’t have biblical hope, but just wishful thinking, hoping that things work out! That’s not real faith... it’s not real trust... it’s not real conviction.

*When I know that God is good, He sees me and that He is FOR me, then I will find myself in the seat of “I KNOW” ...*

I know He is able, and I know He is willing because HE IS GOOD, HE SEES ME, and I KNOW HE IS FOR ME.

**My faith has to be rooted in the character of who is and who is toward me!**

While I’m in the waiting room I’m going to keep on praising, keep on praying and keep on thanking because He is GOOD, HE SEES ME, and HE IS FOR ME!

**3) Closing**

**Psalm 34:8 NLT**

**<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!**