

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



THE ROAD... TO THE LIGHT

Part 1 The Waiting Road



A dark, misty forest path made of cobblestones leads towards a bright, golden light source in the distance, creating a strong sense of perspective and hope. The trees on either side are dark and dense, with some mist or fog hanging in the air.

What do I do when God goes quiet?

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Malachi 4:5-6 - 5 “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. 6 His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.”



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Three Points of the "Waiting Road"

1. Silent Seasons Doesn't mean God has Stopped
2. Sovereign Setup Before God Shows His Plan
3. Secret Work as God Works in the Shadows



The "Waiting Road"

1. Silent Seasons Doesn't mean God has Stopped

Problem:

When God is silent, we assume He is absent.

Solution:

God often works the loudest in seasons when He speaks the least.



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God's Preparations for the Messiah

1. Rome Rose to Power
2. Greek Language Became Universal
3. Synagogues Developed
4. A Cultural Hunger for Messiah Intensified





Big Idea:

What feels like DIVINE WITHDRAWAL
is actually DIVINE SETUP.

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Isaiah 45:15 (NLT): “Truly, O God of Israel,
our Savior, you work in mysterious ways.”

Hebrew this translated to:
“You are a God who hides Himself.”



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Application

When God is silent:

- You're not being punished - you're being prepared.
- You're not forgotten - you're being formed.
- Silence is not abandonment - it is alignment.



Application

Instead of asking:

“God, why aren’t You speaking?”

Ask:

“God, what are You setting up for my future?”



Mindshift

Instead of assuming God has left you...
assume God is leading you.

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Problem: We want God to reveal His plan before we're ready to receive it

Solution: God prepares, matures, and positions things long before He reveals them.



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Four things God sets up during waiting seasons

1. God Aligns People

1 Galatians 4:4 (NLT) “But when the right time came, God sent his Son...”

“**Right time**” is the Greek phrase “pleroma” meaning:

- “The moment when everything is aligned perfectly.”



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Big Idea:

God aligns people before He reveals purpose.

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Four things God sets up during waiting seasons

2. God Arranges Circumstances

Romans 8:28 (NLT) “And we know God causes everything to work together...”



Application Question

What circumstances are now being arranged for you to move into God's plan?



Four things God sets up during waiting seasons

3. God Matures The Vessel He Plans To Use

James 1:4 (NLT) “Let endurance grow... so you will be perfect and complete...”



Big Idea:

God builds the person - before He builds the platform.

God will not give a platform until the person is built

Are you allowing God to build you?



Application

Embrace the process where you are at
- Learn and be Developed

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Four things God sets up during waiting seasons

4. God Tests The Path Before You Walk It

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4. God Tests The Path Before You Walk It

Isaiah 40:3-4 (NLT) “Make a straight highway...Fill in the valleys...Level the mountains... Straighten the curves...Smooth out the rough places...”



Point 2 Application

When God is setting things up:

1. Don't rush the process - God is aligning the right people.
2. Don't despise the delay - God is arranging your circumstances.
3. Don't question your worth - God is maturing your character.
4. Don't fear the future - God is testing the road ahead of you.



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Problem: Trying to move when God is preparing something we cannot see.

Solution: Scripture shows spiritual postures that strengthen us until the light arrives.





Things to do while God is still preparing the road.

1. Remain Faithful In The Ordinary

Luke 1:8 (NLT) “Zechariah was serving God in the Temple...”

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Things to do while God is still preparing the road.

1. Remain Faithful In The Ordinary

2. Stay Expectant Even When You're Disappointed

Luke 1:13 (NLT) "Your prayer has been heard."



Big Idea:

Your disappointment does not cancel God's appointment

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Things to do while God is still preparing the road.

1. Remain Faithful In The Ordinary
2. Stay Expectant Even When You're Disappointed
3. Guard Your Words While You Wait

Luke 1:20 (NLT) “You will be silent... because you did not believe...”



Big Idea:

Your language must align with your future not your fears.

Proverbs 18:21 - The tongue can bring death or life...



Things to do while God is still preparing the road.

1. Remain Faithful In The Ordinary
2. Stay Expectant Even When You're Disappointed
3. Guard Your Words While You Wait
4. Walk Toward The Light Even When It's Small

Matthew 2:9-10 (NLT) “The star went ahead of them... they were filled with joy.”

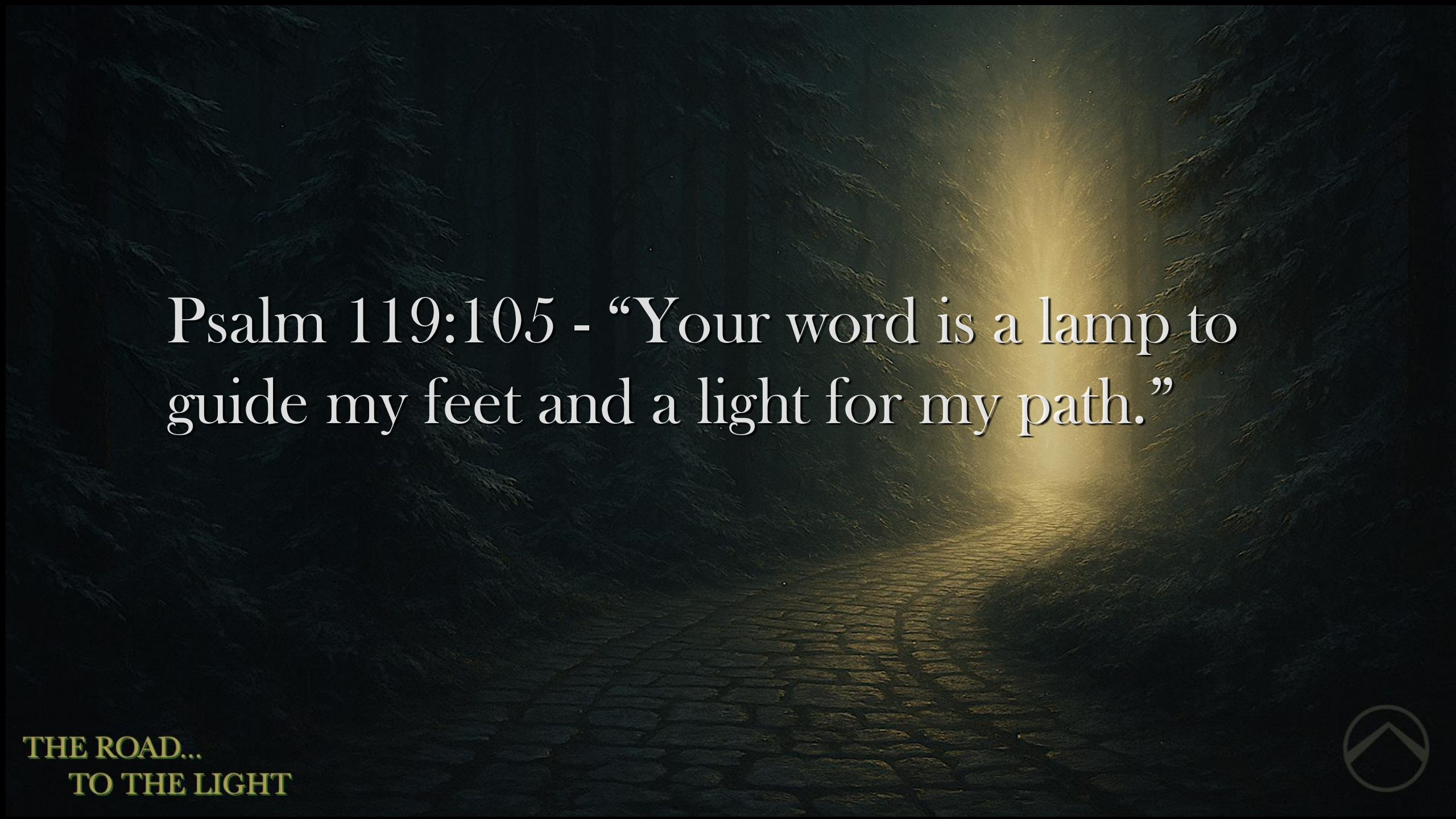


Big Idea:

God rarely gives the full flame...
He gives a flicker and asks you to follow it

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Psalm 119:105 - “Your word is a lamp to
guide my feet and a light for my path.”

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Point 3 Application

Things to do while God is still preparing the road.

Stay faithful - God sees your consistency and persistency.

Stay expectant - God hears prayers you prayed years ago - Don't stop!

Watch your words - speak life into your future.

Take small steps - God brightens the path as you move.



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