

**Journey to the Nativity
Prepare While You Wait
Discover Church
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Why would God do that?

The Long Road to a Promise Kept

1. The **Preparation** of Silence

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” John 5:17

God Is Never Late; He's Seldom Early; He's Always Right On Time

*“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”
Romans 5:6*

At just the right time

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8–9*

2. The **Faith** of Silence

*“Now, faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the
ancients were commended for.” Hebrews 11:1–2*

*“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.”
Hebrews 11:39*

*“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am
not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Psalm 56:3–4*

Choose to respond with faith

3. The **Impact** of Silence

*“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of
the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies” Romans 8:22–23

4. The **Waiting** of Silence

Waiting is tough, and waiting on God challenges our faith

- Waiting in a **hurried** world
- Waiting with a **purpose**
- Waiting to find **hope**

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” Revelation 3:20

“The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.” Lamentations 3:25–26

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:14

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Scripture: John 5:17; Romans 5:6; Isaiah 55:8–9; Hebrews 11:1–2; Hebrews 11:39; Psalm 56:3–4; John 1:14; Romans 8:22–23; Revelation 3:20; Lamentations 3:25–26; Psalm 27:14