



Hills & Valleys

AND THE IN-BETWEENS

Pt. 3: The Waiting Game

Questions for further study and application:

Day 1 Sometimes, when you've been in the valley for a while, you might start to wonder why God isn't doing anything about it. You're waiting, and you may even doubt that God is going to come through for you. Read Psalm 27:14. As you wait, remind yourself that God has a good reason for it. Don't miss out on what He's trying to show you. He wants to grow you and have you draw closer to Him. He's not going to give you anything you are not ready to handle. Remember as you are waiting, you have something to pray and hope for. Today, tell God that you trust Him and His perfect timing.

Day 2 While Mary and Martha were grieving the suffering of Lazarus and his eventual death, they most likely wondered over and over where Jesus was. Have you ever found yourself asking God, "Where are You, Lord?" or "Why have you abandoned me?" There is a quote by Charles Spurgeon that says, "God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart." Read 1 John 5:14-15. No matter how overwhelming your circumstance, turn to God. Trust that He has heard you and has your best interest at heart.

Day 3 You may find yourself waiting for your career to take off, waiting for the person God has in store for you, waiting to have children, or whatever goal you've set for yourself. Maybe you're hoping things will just get better, easier, or less complicated. In the valley, you've got to adjust your focus and seek happiness right where you are. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1. With God, a waiting season is never a wasted season. Remind yourself that when God is telling you to wait, He's not telling you no, He's just saying not quite yet. He wants to do something in you before He does something for you. When it finally happens, you will appreciate it even more.

Day 4 Read Ephesians 3:20. This verse is reassuring in the sense that God can do anything that you dream of or accomplish any dream He places on your heart. The second part of this Scripture points to the fact that it will be based on how God is working in you. Sometimes, He will wait until the situation is bigger than humanly possible before He manifests His divine power. No matter how far gone your situation seems, when God shows up, He shows up big! So, don't let your hopes and dreams go. Have faith that He can turn impossibilities into realities. Are you willing to trust God to show up? Will you believe Him to do it?

Day 5 We live in a culture that is largely driven by instant gratification. People get upset when they have to wait in line too long, or their food takes too long to arrive, or they have to sit in traffic. That's not how God's plans will unfold in your life. If God always instantly meets your expectations, He would never have the chance to exceed them. If you try to take things into your own hands and force the process, you might miss out on all the good things God has in store along the way. Things like unwavering perseverance, strong faith, bold belief, and a close relationship with your Heavenly Father. Read Philippians 1:6. Your wait will never be wasted, and God will reveal His plans for you that will exceed your greatest expectations.

What's New?

Waters Edge will be hosting our first ever Women's Night on Friday, May 4, at our Yorktown Campus starting at 6:30 PM. There will be worship, an incredible message from Tab Hodges, photo booths, hors d'oeuvres, and more! Register and find more details at watersedgechurch.net/brave.