

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. What delay are you struggling to see it through?
2. How have delays helped you in life?
3. What is your role to play in the delay?

The Joy Challenge – It's Not Over Yet!

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“I will exalt You, LORD, for You rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You restored my health. You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death. Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.” Psalm 30:1-5 (NLT)

“So he asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse answered. ‘He is tending the sheep.’ Samuel said, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.’ So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; this is the one.’ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.” 1 Samuel 16:11-13 (NIV)

- **DELAYS MATURE OUR CHARACTER**

“... David acted with more wisdom than all the servants of Saul. So his name became very important.” 1 Samuel 18:30 (NLV)

“Wait on the Lord. Be courageous, and He will strengthen your heart. Wait on the Lord!”

Psalm 27:14 (ISV)

- **DELAYS DRAW US CLOSE TO GOD**

“And David went up from there and lived in the stronghold of En Gedi.” 1 Samuel 23:29 (NIV)

“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with His feathers. He will shelter you with His wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.” Psalm 91:1-4 (NLT)

“... from now on every road you travel will take you to God...” Psalm 25:10a (MSG)

- **DELAYS CAN'T KEEP US FROM CHOOSING JOY**

“You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but You will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. You will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again. ... I will shout for joy and sing your praises, for You have ransomed me.”

Psalm 71:20-21; 23 (NLT)

“But our homeland is in heaven, and we are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from heaven. By His power to rule all things, He will change our simple bodies and make them like His own glorious body.” Philippians 3:20-21 (NCV)