



“But seek first, the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

What are you seeking, what are you finding, how are you waiting?

Rhythms of Seeking and Finding and Waiting.

- Rhythm – “a regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound”
- They are learned. Practiced. Repeated. Regular.
- *Matthew 11:28-30 (The MSG) – watching, learning Jesus rhythms.*

Seeking.

- Jesus calls us as believers to LIVE DIFFERENT! What makes us seek (strive, be diligent)? Matthew 6:19-34 – we are to seek, not worry.
- Matthew 6:33 Jesus gives us direction on **what** we are to be seeking *before* anything else ... it's God's Kingdom.
 - What does His Kingdom look like –
 - We seek God: His way – His plans – His will
 - A surrender: of my way, my plans, my will
- Isaiah 55:6 & Jeremiah 29:13 – are promises, when we seek God we will find. God wants the posture of our hearts to seek Him. Jesus is connecting His followers with a promise throughout Old Testament.
- Luke 11:9-10 invites us to keep up a continual rhythm of asking, seeking, knocking – with PROMISES that we will receive, we will find, and doors will be opened. Not just answers we want -Him!
- Seeking is a continual rhythm.
- Seeking takes time and patience.
- What are you seeking, striving after most these days?

Finding.

- Scripture throughout (200+ verses) tells us what we will find by seeking the LORD. The WORD tells us we will: *lack no good thing, thirst no more, find wisdom, find God Himself, His goodness, His rewards, rest for our souls, God's favor, kindness, comfort, mercy compassion, satisfaction, grace.*
- Scripture also tells us what happens if we live our own way and choose not to seek the LORD, we will find: *no rest, no vision, no hope, no clear way forward, disorder, unprepared, we will find ourselves fighting against God.*
- What are you finding in your life right now?

Waiting.

Isaiah 40:31 “But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (ESV)

- Waiting is purposeful active trust.
 - Hebrew word for "wait" (qavah) means to look for expectantly, anticipating God's movement while **leaning entirely into His character**. This is dependence – this is the posture we are to have, and yet it's hard to live here.
 - Perhaps the gift of waiting is that it moves us beyond what God can do and the answers we want, into a deeper relationship with who He is.
- Waiting means asking God questions in every step.
- Waiting is trusting that God is working in ways we cannot see.
- Waiting has a lot of silence, how are you in silence?

Seeking. Finding. Waiting. How is it lived out?

- We seek and find Christ in the pages of His Word.
- We seek and find Christ, learning and practicing His Ways.
- We seek and find Christ, in ordinary and unexpected places.

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