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Waiting with Hope

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NOTES INTRODUCTION Have you ever wondered how people were saved before Jesus came to the earth? After all, we've grown up hearing the Gospel, which is based on the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. So if that's the case, how were people saved before those things happened? The answer is that people have always been saved by grace through faith. There was a moment in time when people had faith prior to having a long, extensive pattern. Those who had a BC faith didn't have the evidence that we have and the resources we have. They didn't have hundreds of years of archeological digs, uncovering evidence that supported what the Bible says. All they had was the voice of God, and yet many people believed God's voice. In doing so, they showed us what real faith looks like as they waited for Jesus. So how can we wait with this same kind of faith? That's exactly what we're going to look at today. **KEY POINTS** Two things the Bible teaches us about waiting patiently: 1. God always fulfills His promises. God has never broken a single promise. Like it says in Lamentations 2:17, "The Lord has done what He planned; He has fulfilled His word, which he decreed long ago..." God always fulfills His promises no matter what. But that doesn't mean He fulfills Him the way we want or ask Him to. That's where the next lesson comes into play. 2. God's promises aren't always fulfilled in ways we'd Sometimes, God fulfills some promises in expected, natural ways. He does what we would expect Him to do. But other times, in fact, I'd say most times, God fulfills His promises in unexpected, supernatural ways. He does things we never expect Him to do. But usually, when He moves in these supernatural ways, our faith and trust in Him grows the most.

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What exactly were the Israelites expecting as they waited for the Messiah?	NOTES
- He would be a Jewish leader.	
- He would be a judge.	
- He would be from the tribe of Judah.	
- He would be a military leader.	
- He would be a world leader.	
- He would be an ordinary man.	
How do we wait for God now?	
- Wait quietly. Psalm 62:8 - "Let all that I am wait quietly	_
before God, for my hope is in Him."	
- Wait patiently. Psalm 130:5 - "I wait for the LORD; I wait	
and put my hope in his word."	
- Wait expectantly. Psalm 37:7 - "Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for him."	-
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What can you learn about waiting from the Is	sraelites	,
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2. When was a time God fulfilled a promise to you in an expected, natural way? What about an unexpected, supernatural way?

3.	Which of the three types of waiting (waiting quietly, waiting patiently, and waiting expectantly) would you like to work on more this week?

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