

PSALMS

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PSALMS: Waiting is Worship

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Good morning, Doxa. Let's stand for the reading of God's word. Please grab your Bible if you have one. We're going to be reading scripture from Psalms 33 verses 16 to 22. "The king is not saved by his great army. A warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The Warhorse is a false hope for salvation. By its great might it cannot rescue. Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord. He's our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you." This is the word of the Lord. Please be seated.

Thank you, Habby. Hey, church. How are we? We doing alright? If we have not met, my name is Donald and I'm one of the pastors on staff. Super glad that you are with us today as we continue our series in the Psalms. Our family has had a pretty good summer so far, mostly been staying close. Actually the biggest thing at the Zimm house recently, surprisingly, the topic of conversation has actually been baseball. You see, my oldest is 12 years old and at 12, in Woodville, you essentially age out of recreational baseball. And so if you want to keep playing, you either have to wait for high school or you can make what they call a club team. And a club team is a situation where you basically play all year round. You pay a whole bunch of money as a parent. You give a bunch of your weekends to sit in the rain and watch a sunshine sport. Also that another grown up can tell your kid that everything you ever taught them is dumb and wrong. It's awesome. It's a dream.

So my son has gone to a bunch of tryouts over the last several weeks. And, honestly it's been brutal between the extreme heat- one of his tryouts it was literally 98 degrees on the turf, the coaches are super intense as you would probably imagine. You've got 70 to 80 boys trying out for maybe three spots on a team. Super competitive, so much pressure. They're 12 year old

boys. And after all the tryouts, my son ended up with one offer. And you might say, well, hey, one is better than none, right? But here was the problem. The team that gave him the offer, it was kind of a concerning tryout. We got there and the coaches were talking down to the players. The players were talking back to the coaches and these were older kids who've been in the program for a while. So it kind of felt like this was a cultural thing. They weren't organized. They weren't even sure who was going to coach the team that my son was going to be on. So I know it's just baseball and I get all that, but it felt like a really big decision for our family. Were we going to basically find the end of the road for him? Or are we going to say yes to this team that was pretty toxic, with a crew that we didn't honestly want shaping his character or taking our money. We start getting text messages from other parents about teams that are filled and how everything is wrapping up and which kids made teams and most kids didn't and all of this, and this entire next calendar year is being decided, right?

And so we're sitting there and weighing this whole thing out and just felt like God was saying "wait." That's the only way I know how to describe it. It felt like God was just saying, "wait." In my experience, when I go to the Lord with something that I desire, there's usually one of three answers. It's yes, it's no, and it's wait. And call it what you want-God's saying not yet, or a holy delay or whatever you want to call it. But most of us do not like it when God says, "wait." Whatever you want to call it, it can be super, super tough. So I don't know what situation you're in this morning. I don't know if God has been saying a lot of yeses or a lot of no's, but I'd be willing to bet that some of you that are in here right now are in that limbo. You're in this middle ground of not yet. Maybe you're asking him for something. Maybe you've been asking him for something for a really long time and that light hasn't turned green yet. And the Psalm that we're gonna walk through today is going to be a help to you. So here's what we're going to see in this Psalm-praise and trust turn waiting into worship. Praise and trust turn waiting into worship. Let's pray together.

Jesus, I love this church, thankful for this church. I know many of us are waiting on you for things that really, really matter. So help us. Minister to us in that place. Use this Psalm to encourage and to recalibrate your people at Doxa. Help us to understand that we can trust your heart, even when we can't tell what your hands are doing and that you would help us be open to the why of our praise and our trust, that we don't just assume, especially for those of us, who've been walking with you for a long time. Use this passage to freshly remind us of why you're worthy. We pray these things for your glory. Amen.

All right. So I wanted us to know three things about the Psalms before we dive in, okay? So first let me ask you, have you ever been at someone's house and multiple people had access or control of the music playlist, right? Or you're sitting in a restaurant and the music playing in the background just keeps jumping genres like big switches. Like ACDC and then Frank Sinatra and then James Taylor and then Weezer and then Lizzo. And you're just wondering what in the world is going on. Right? Sometimes it feels like the Psalms are like that. Like a toddler got a hold of mommy's phone and now we're all along for the ride. The Psalms can feel really, really random and they are not. The 150 Psalms are divided into five books. They've been arranged in such a way that they're actually super connected and there's themes that are reinforced. The

titles at the beginning of most of the Psalms give us clues about who wrote them and what the occasion was. And there's these key words that connect the Psalms forward and backwards. So maybe you see a phrase in Psalm 55 that shows up again in 56 and then a phrase that's in 56 that shows up in 57. There's a lot of intentionality around it. In fact, we're going to see some of that in the Psalm today.

Secondly, I believe that Doxa is a church that loves their Bibles. I believe we trust and value God's word. But I also believe that many of us have treated the Psalms in the scriptures, the way you treat chips and salsa at a Mexican food restaurant. Like they're optional. Like they're just there to kind of hold you over until the real meal shows up, right? Like the opening act before we get to the good stuff in the new Testament. The Psalms are a rich deposit of theological gold. They're not chips and salsa. They are steak tacos. That's right, Amen! Any human emotion you can think of is in here. A huge variety of God's character and traits are in here. Luther called the Psalms, the Bible within the Bible. The Psalms are the most cross-referenced book of the Bible. They're the most recited and memorized by the characters in the Bible. When they found the dead sea scrolls, the book with the highest number of manuscripts was the Psalms.

Lastly, number three. The Psalms are like acetone. Acetone is super helpful when you get glue on your hands or on a surface that you don't want glue on. When things get stuck together, you can use acetone to dissolve the things that are stuck. And the Psalms are acetone to the heart that is stuck in shame or guilt, and just having a hard time finding its way back to the father. It's one of the only books that is specifically meant to be prayed and sung. It's like a cheat sheet. When you don't know what to say, you don't know what to pray, you don't what to do, you just feel stuck in your walk. The Psalms can unstick you. The Psalms are useful. They're God breathed. And they're helpful to you and me.

All right, let's talk Psalm 33. There are many ways to categorize the Psalms and if you were with us in the fall of 2019, we did a series on the Psalms and talked a lot about the different categories. I would commend you to go listen to that series on the app. Psalm 33 falls into the category of a praise Psalm. And in the very first section we find a call to God's people to praise him and then a plea for us to remember why we praise him. And you might say, hey, I know we're supposed to praise him. I get it. I know why. But I want you to slow down for a moment. Is it possible that the reason why you frequently act and speak in ways that don't line up with what we say or believe is because from time to time, we forget why God is worth living for, why he's worth obeying, why he's worthy of our praise.

Is it possible that those that are brave enough, to be honest in here would describe their walk with Jesus today as dry and lifeless and boring and uneventful, maybe even discouraging. Is it possible it's because we have not fully grasped why God is worth living for, why he is worth obeying, and why he is worthy of our praise. Or maybe like I said earlier, you are right now in a season of waiting and the wait is not going real well. Is it possible that you've forgotten or lost hold of the why? And right now you're not even sure if God is worth waiting on. Listen, Doxa, especially if you have been walking with Jesus for a long time. When we lose the why we lose

our worship. The why is everything. So let's open our hearts this morning to this Psalm. I want us to see that praise and trust turn waiting into worship.

So we're going to look at the Psalm in two halves. The first half covers why we praise him and the second covers why we trust him. So let's read this together. Verse one, "Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of 10 strings! Sing to him, a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts." So we start with a command to praise him. We're going to move into the why in a moment, but let's talk about these first three verses first. The Psalm opens with this phrase, "shout for joy." And then later in verse three, it says "loud shouts." Did you know that the Bible repeatedly tells us that our worship is a time to give God's praise with our mouths and to do so with passion. The first word of Psalm 33 is not whisper or mumble or reverently mutter our praise. But instead to shout, because the work of Christ in our lives is worthy of our volume and our praise. And here's the thing, friends, you and I both know that volume and passion-that these things matter because our bodies and our hearts are woven together.

Those of you here in this room, a lot of you manage people out there in the work world. If you offered a significant raise to a direct report on your team and their response was, "yeah, okay, whatever." Parents, if you planned an amazing trip to Disneyland for your family and you broke the news at the dinner table and your small kids looked at you and were like, "yeah, what's for dessert." Does that feel disconnected to you? Of course it does. And here's the tough part. We make a million excuses for why this idea doesn't apply to us in our worship. I'm too old for that. I'm too introverted for that. I'm too Norwegian for that. That's not how I was raised. That's not how I operate. Passionate praise is something that's commanded in the Bible, right?

Let's take something else that's commanded in the Bible, like generosity. Our church just does awesome with generosity. So this is an easy one to talk about. Let me ask you this question. Do you remember the widow in Mark 12, right? You had the religious leaders and the widow and they go to make their offering, and the widow puts in a couple of copper coins worth less than a fraction of a penny. Let me ask you this. Did Jesus give her a pass? Did Jesus give the poor widow a pass on generosity? Or was that actually an opportunity? So why do we think that we get a pass on passionate praise? Some of you here are rich in possessions and poor in passion. Passion that he commands. A command that supersedes your preferences, your personality, your heritage, your comfort. And the command isn't because God needs anything from you. It's because he knows that you need it. Now, please don't go to guilt because that is not going to thaw what we have affectionately referred to ourselves as the frozen chosen. That's not going to change anything, right? But I hope that this description in these next verses of his words and his works helps stir something in us. I hope it does surgery on our heart.

Verse four, "For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord, the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap. He puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to

be; he commanded and it stood firm." Did you hear it Doxa, that we praise God for his words and his works. The work of Christ in our lives is worthy of our volume and passion. We raise our voices to the one who has raised us from the dead.

The second thing I want you to catch in these first few verses is in verse three. It says, "sing to him a new song." If you follow Jesus Christ, money back guarantee, God was at work in your life this week. And you may say, I didn't see that. That's fine. It doesn't matter. It happened. I promise you it happened. I promise you that God was at work in your life this week. This is why the scriptures tell us to give God a new song. It's actually something that shows up over and over and over again. Psalm 40, 96, 98, 144, 149, Isaiah 42. My favorite- Revelation 5. You can go read that for a devotion this week. Revelation 5, look for the phrase "new song." The ESV study Bible says that the phrase new song need not imply a freshly composed song, instead it may mean singing this song as a response to a fresh experience of God's grace.

So it's not all the worship pastors in the world hiding in their office and writing a new tune and bringing it each Sunday. Although that can be a good thing. It's not what it is. It's saying you have a new reason to shout and sing every single time that we gather, because God didn't neglect you this week. He didn't sleep on your life. He didn't get too busy helping the people that really need it. He is intimately and personally attentive to your every single day and every hour. He's always at work. He's always doing something new, which is why, by the way, if you're not a Christian and you're with us, thank you for joining us, you should know that following Jesus is endlessly interesting. Being a Christian is not boring. Following Jesus is quite an adventure because he is the source of all life, and he's always up to something. He's always redeeming something. He's always shaping you. He's always working through you. In fact, if you know a Christian that's boring, you most likely have met a believer who desperately needs to get back to the basics in their faith, to reconnect to the living, exciting God of the universe.

Now, listen, I'm not saying we don't have slower seasons. Sometimes there's lulls. Things are slow. You feel like you're wandering. Sometimes we have a season that we wish didn't exist. Like season nine of *The Office*. Or the Seahawks in 1992, right? Two and 14?! Two and 14! It's rough. It's horrible. The Christian life, however, is not meant to be boring. His word and his work are always doing new things. And this is why we always have a new reason to thank him, to tell others what he's done, to sing over each other in the party that we call a church service.

All right, one more thing I want us to see in this first half, and it's super obvious, but it's also the most dangerous thing for us to get wrong. The Psalmist points his praises upward, and this is huge because it's not just praising or trusting anyone that gets you to a place where waiting can be worship. It's praising God. And even if that's obvious, it's a crucial reminder because when we lose the who we lose our worship. The church, just being honest, has a pretty spotty track record when it comes to remembering the who of worship. In the early 2000s, there was a phenomenon in churches all over the U.S. Known as the Worship Wars. Who remembers that? A few people? No, just me. Cool. Well, there was a phenomenon in churches in the early 2000s called the Worship Wars. And it was basically different generations of Christians fighting over their preferences for music in gathered worship, okay?

It drudged on and on. And the truth is it created an enormous amount of division in the church, so much so that some churches closed doors, some churches were kicked out and it was basically all over drums and electric guitars and organs and hymnals. And it was primarily driven by an older generation of believers, feeling displaced or freaked out by the new genres and instrumentation that were working their way into modern worship. It was not the shiniest moment for the church. It's ugly. There's actually some places where they're still wasting time and energy on that. At its worst, it equated creativity in the gathering and even entire genres of music as a sign of heresy or lack of Biblical fidelity. In other words, if you use the instruments and songs that I like, you are approved by God, because I know what He likes and I speak for him.

What's the problem with this church? That's a lot of problems. Arrogance is rampant. It also blatantly ignores church history. It's what some theologians would call chronological snobbery. You know, many of the older saints were saying in 2005 that only the organ was an appropriate instrument for congregational worship. You know, what's funny about that. Luther in the 1500s said that the organ was "an insignia of the devil." He literally hated the organ and thought it had no place in the church. When we lose the who we lose our worship. I love the story Francis Chan told years ago. An older Saint approached him after a service and began to list their complaints and dissatisfaction. He said, I thought the music was too loud and the message was lacking, et cetera, et cetera. And Francis, kindly, but firmly said, I'm so sorry that was your experience. But I'm glad we didn't gather today to worship you. He said it not me. Church, when we lose the who we lose our worship.

I am a huge believer that we benefit directly from the gathering. It's why I've literally spent the last 20 years giving my life to the very thing. But the ultimate purpose is not us. It's Him. If we assume the gatherings about us, and I believe that many of us have done this, we might even be doing it now, we get thrown off by a song we don't know, or a sermon illustration or another Doxa member that we've got weird history with, or coffee that's a little cold, but the gathering has never been about us. There are ways in which it is meant to equip us and train us and encourage us, but it has always been about Him. Let me give some easy examples. Our catalog of songs that we sing here at Doxa is carefully constructed and it's an intentionally selected group of songs. And the main reason is that we want to sing about the fullness of God's words and his works. Our songs are designed to provide a balanced worship diet for the people of Doxa. Thirty to forty percent of it is hymns. Now that's not because those are the only good songs. It's not. And we don't do it to keep the older folks happy. Although I know they appreciate it. And that's great. It's because we want to be tethered to the history of believers that have gone before us and sang out to God for his words and works. All of the songs that we add to our catalog go through a pretty rigorous process. Is it helpful for us? Is it saying something we don't already have? Is it theologically clear? Is it a good song? Why do we ask these questions? Because if we are trying to remember the who of our worship, then we want to make sure we are accurately representing who he is in our sermons, in our songs, in our prayers. Our songs teach us how to be everyday Christians for God's glory.

That's what we're all about at Doxa. Lots of Christians out there don't know how to pray a prayer of repentance, don't know how to walk in repentance because those songs don't get sung. They sure as heck don't make the Christian Top 40. But they are essential to knowing how to relate to a holy God and to each other. So we sing songs of repentance at Doxa. Listen, I am the functional worship pastor here at Doxa. We don't even get to sing some of my favorite songs. Why? Because it's not about me. It's not about me. It's about him. We've tried a few of them and they didn't always encourage the kind of participation he is worthy of. So I put them on the shelf. Psalm 33 reminds us that our praise has only ever been about him. It's not about us. It's not about our bad days, our rough mornings, our moments of weakness. And that is great news. Because if it's about us, our praise is up, our praise is down. It's soaring one day and sinking the next. We are all over the place. Some of you yelled at your kids or your spouse an hour ago, and now you're in here singing, "Let the Amen sound from his people again." It's like, what?!! This is sometimes what it's like to be human. We can be inconsistent, which is why I am so glad that our praise is based on his character, his consistency, his value. So if you had a rough morning, man, get in here, repent, make amends and then enjoy Jesus. Receive mercy from him. God is really big. His love is bigger than your doubts about him. His holiness is bigger than all of your sins piled up. His mercy is bigger than your inability to get it right. And our praise is always fitting for Christ because he is consistent in being praiseworthy.

We don't praise him because every circumstance is good. We praise him because he takes every circumstance and uses it for his glory. We don't pretend that we love suffering, but we praise him that he is with us in the middle of it. Our bad days, our rough mornings, our moments of weakness. These are not walls to worship. These are doors and he wants to work through them. Not in spite of them. Let's keep moving through this passage. Verse 10, "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!"

2015 Lifeway research found that 54% of Americans believe that God has a special relationship with America. That number goes up if you're female, goes up higher if you're not white, and even further if you consider yourself a Christian. America has long mixed our own story with the notion that God is uniquely for us and intends to do special things through us. And I don't have time today to unpack how incredibly dangerous civil religion is, but let me say this at least-political power is a pitiful and pathetic God. There is a higher authority that brings political counsel to nothing. There is a higher authority that frustrates the plans of man, including your favorite politician. Our why is not primarily the establishment of a Christian government if there even is such a thing. Our savior is not the politicians who inevitably fail to live out the gospel and shape society in ways that fully embody who Christ is.

Now suffice to say, you can follow Jesus and be grateful for the freedoms that we have in our country. You can be grateful to the men and women who have given their lives in part so that we can literally do what we're doing right now in this moment, to gather safely and not under threat of violence. But you have never been given instruction in the scripture to prioritize your national citizenship over your heavenly one. Your political identity can never land higher than

your gospel identity. And of all the nations in the world, just to paint a picture, if you take the percentage of Christians in nations, people who self-identify as Christians across the country, the U.S is in 90th place. Nine-zero! Is it possible that God's not playing favorites with America? So let's praise him for our freedoms. And then let's zoom out and see that he is working his rescue plan all over the world. We are not the star student, church. Other nations are sending missionaries to come preach the gospel here and we need them to. So then who is the nation that's blessed? It's those whose God is the Lord, starting with the Jews of the old Testament, and now because of Christ, every man, woman, and child that has placed their faith in Christ work, his willing and obedient act of taking on your sin and my sin-that is the blessed nation. And we worship a king, not a president. Our hope is a kingdom, not a political party.

Verses 13 through 15 show us that God watches over all that he has made, including you and I. So let's pick up in 16. It says, "The king is not saved by his great army. A warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The Warhorse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. All right. So church, I want us to focus on this idea of the Warhorse. The idea of a Warhorse shows up a bunch of times in the Scriptures. Again, Psalm 20, I want to read a few of these, just to hear the consistency. "Some trust in chariots, some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 147, "His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man." Proverbs 21, "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord." Hosea 1, "But I will have mercy on the house of Judah and I will save them by the Lord their God. I will not save them by bow or sword or war or horse or by horseman." Now in this time, Kings lived and died by the size of their army. War horses would make or break the outcome of a battle. They were fast and strong. They carried the strongest soldiers and they were able to kill multiple enemies in quick succession.

Any thinking person, catch this, church, any thinking person in this time would say the warhorse makes all the difference. And this is exactly why the warhorse is a perfect symbol of idolatry. It is the ultimate historical example of my tendency and your tendency to hold on more tightly to this world than the maker of it. Read Joshua, read Judges. God is constantly thwarting, bigger armies with smaller ones, bigger warriors with smaller ones. God's economy is not our economy. And here's something that the world wants you to forget, but time makes obvious, is that life at times can get really, really heavy. And if you lean on things that are not meant to bear the weight of your life, stuff collapses. If your work life or your love life or your hobby life, or listen, Eastside, your family life, is the ultimate thing for you; you are going to find sooner or later that these things even good things cannot hold the weight. And the writer of Psalm 33 says the warhorse is actually not strong enough to save you. It's a false hope because counterintuitively, freedom comes from not counting on leaders or wealth to win the day. So Doxa, what is your warhorse? The best way I know to drill down on that is to think about the things you spend the most time daydreaming about. Or when you're alone and it's quiet, where does your mind wander? What's the thing that if you lost it for a few weeks, you would get anxious, depressed, irritated.

It's possible that waiting right now in whatever situation you're facing is super hard because you've been praising and trusting a warhorse and it is not built to hold the weight of your life. Let's finish the Psalm together. Verse 20, "Our soul waits for the Lord. He is our help and our shield." You're going to hear more from Eddie next week on that idea. Verse 21, "For our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you." There it is church. It's possible for every one of us to have a glad heart as we sit in our waiting. Praise and trust turn waiting into worship. And the gladness comes from knowing that you've seen him do it before. Many of us, you look over your shoulders, you can think of the countless ways and times that God has shown up, the countless times and ways that he's been faithful, the countless times and ways that frankly we gave up, but he didn't. We do a lot of waiting in our faith. God says, wait over a hundred times in the scripture. That tells me two things. Number one, that he's a good dad. And number two, that we tend to run ahead of him. And so we all end up waiting in this life. And if you're not in this season of waiting right now, you will be, and you will have the opportunity to worship in that waiting.

Monday afternoon, we're driving to see some friends as a family. And I got a voicemail and it was from a club team coach from one of the teams that we really, really liked. And we were driving so I pulled over and I called the coach back. And on that call he offered my son a spot on his team. I finished the call and I came back and I told everybody in the car and we were yelling and screaming and cheering. And I was smiling. And my son's smiling. Somebody was crying. I won't tell you who. And we just celebrated. And I know guys, it's just baseball. I get it. It's just baseball. And it's just kid sports. But truly it felt like an act of kindness from God towards our family. It felt like we could see why God said, "wait." And I get that we don't always get to see that. Some of us in here right now are waiting for the Lord to do something really significant in our lives. We're waiting for him to provide clarity on our calling or help us make a huge decision or are waiting for him to provide a spouse or a child that we've longed for. Or maybe for someone that we know and care about to finally have their eyes opened to who God really is and to begin to follow him for the first time. We have this ache. It fades in and out throughout the day and we're just waiting and it hurts.

Or maybe it's far more urgent. Maybe it's far more pressing than that. Maybe we're waiting for the doctors to tell us how long we've got to live. Maybe we're waiting to see if our spouse will meet us halfway and the healing can begin. Maybe we're waiting to see if our next visit to our aging parent is going to be the one where they finally forget who we are. Maybe we're waiting to see if the state is going to rip our foster child out of our home.

Every breath in the meantime is a bit harder. The waiting is exhausting, and we are a kind of tired that a nap can't fix. Doxa, Christ is with you in the waiting. Your body may war against you. Your family may war against you. Your marriage may war against you, but the Prince of Peace has never left your side. You may feel like you're not sure you can go another day, but your days are in his hands. And you may only have the smallest amount of praise and trust left, but God will carry you in the waiting. Let's pray.

It's hard to trust sometimes, Father. It's hard to look around at our circumstances and always see the good, the long play, the redemption. And I know for myself, I don't always feel like I have the praise and trust I need to wait, well. So forgive me for the ways and times that I have doubted you, for the ways and times that I have quickly forgotten or chose not to reflect on the track record you've established over the course of my life. And help me to trust you, particularly when I can't tell what you're doing. We've got a lot of people in our church right now that are waiting for big things, a lot of people that are exhausted from that process. And Father, I need you to send your spirit to minister to them, to give them hope, to give them peace, to bring a calm soul, to restore the joy of their salvation, to help them carry this well, to help them actually not just hold on for dear life, but to actually see more of you in their waiting, that they're waiting would actually be worship. So help us. We want to be better as a church of telling stories of your faithfulness and reporting back of all the ways that you show up so that we can all collectively wait for you and worship while we are waiting. Work in us. Minister to us. We need you and we love you. We pray these things for your glory. Amen.