

## **DARING FAITH**

Kelly Walter | March 18-19, 2023  
Week 6: Daring to Wait on God

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Talk-it-Over Notes | March 18-19, 2023

## **REVIEW IT**

Many times in life we feel like we are waiting for God – waiting for an answer to prayer, fearful to move forward without hearing from him. Yet, in God's waiting room we have to remember... 1) There will be delay... 2) There is an unseen battle going on... 3) God is preparing us for his blessing... 4) We are in good company while we wait... 5) God always keeps His promises... While we wait, we can write down the lessons we learn, act as though we already have our answer, imitate the habits that cause our faith to grow strong, and trust God instead of panicking.

**Spend some time in the word: Read 1 Peter 1 considering the Christians persecution and hope.**

## **TALK ABOUT IT**

1. Look over the five things to remember while waiting on God. Which one did you need to be reminded of most?
2. Share a time when you were discouraged because your prayers were not being answered. Which of God's promises can you claim against the darts of the enemy?
3. Waiting is not passive; imitating the habits that grow strong faith builds personal maturity. These actions will prevent you from putting your life on hold when you are in the waiting room: keep praying, keep serving, keep going to small group and keep sowing. How do you think God can use these to refine you when your dream is delayed?
  - a) Keep praying: How do your prayers reflect your belief that your dream will be fulfilled?
  - b) Keep on serving: In what ways do you think God blesses you when you are serving?
  - c) Keep going to small group: How does God use a fellowship of believers to encourage and uplift when life's delays happen? What can your group do to help other members when their dreams are postponed?
  - d) Keep sowing: How have you grown spiritually as a result of waiting for the harvest?

## **ACT ON IT**

Make a commitment to keep on while you're waiting. Make a decision to act on the four things listed above.

## **PRAY ABOUT IT**

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.

*Lord, help us be strong in our faith as we wait on you. Show us your promises and let us stand firm as we keep praying, serving, sowing, believing and meeting with our small group. Let us encourage one another to keep going in spite of setbacks and delays. Let us remember to act as though we have already received the answer to our prayers because you are faithful to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*