



EXPERIENCE
Christmas
AT SKYLINE CHURCH

Nobody Likes Waiting

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"Mary responded, 'Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home."

LUKE 1:46-56 (NLT)

What To Do While You Wait

1 We **WORSHIP** In The Waiting

"But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?"

PSALM 56:3-4 (NLT)

2 We **REMEMBER** In The Waiting

"I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old"

PSALM 77:11 (ESV)

3 We **HOPE** In The Waiting

"For I hold you by your right hand - I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you. Though you are a lowly worm, O Jacob, don't be afraid, people of Israel, for I will help you. I am the Lord, your Redeemer. I am the Holy One of Israel."

ISAIAH 41:13-14 (NLT)

What Happens When We Wait?

"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 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."

ISAIAH 40:29-31 (ESV)

1 We Get **STRONGER** !

"But those who wait upon God get fresh strength."

ISAIAH 40:31 (MSG)

"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

ISAIAH 40:29 (NLT)

"Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises."

ROMANS 4:20-21 (NLT)

2 We See God **MORE CLEARLY!**

"They shall mount up with wings like eagles"

ISAIAH 40:31 (NLT)

"I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

JOB 42:5-6 (NLT)

3 We Grow A **FAITH MUSCLE**

"They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

ISAIAH 40:31 (NLT)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2 Do you find waiting on God is hard? Why?
- 3 Tell us a time you were waiting on God and how that experience has helped you in other seasons of waiting.
- 4 Read Isaiah 40:29-31 and give the group your thoughts on what happens when we wait on God.
- 5 How has waiting on the Lord helped you grow your muscle of faith?



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Upcoming Events

- 12.23 | Christmas Eve Service 7 PM
- 12.24 | Christmas Eve Services
- 01.09 | Newcomer Meet & Greet
- 01.19 | Membership Dinner
- 01.26 | Step 6 Begins