

# THE WAITING SEASON

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## SERMON NOTES:

*But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him will gain new strength and renew their power; They will lift up their wings and rise up close to God like eagles rising toward the sun; They will run and not become weary, They will walk and not grow tired.*

– **Isaiah 40:31 (AMP)**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us.*

– **1 John 5:14 (NIV)**

3 things God wants us to remain mindful of during the waiting season:

### 1. Don't Panic

Do what the Father told you last.

*For I am the Lord your God who take hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you*

– **Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)**

### 2. He Wants To Make Us Better

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

– **John 15:5 (NIV)**

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*He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

— **John 15:2 (NIV)**

We have to remove the things that are blocking the blessing.

God can't bless what you refuse to release.

### 3. He Will Provide

God's promises don't have expiration dates on them.

You can't break the promises of God by leaning on them.

*Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.*

— **Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)**

When you turn your worry into worship God will turn your battle into breakthrough.

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE:**

1. What areas of your life are defined by panic?
2. What was the last promise that the Lord gave you?
  - Are you still holding onto those promises or holding onto fear?
3. What things do you need to remove in your life to make space for the blessings that the Lord has for you?
  - If not, what's one way you can do that this week?
4. What areas are you struggling to believe that the Lord will take care of?
  - How can you relinquish control of these things this week and trust the Lord more?