

work your wait.

SERMON NOTES:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

— **Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)**

God can't make you exercise something you already have access to.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

— **Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)**

Waiting looks like working.

Work your wait.

1. Keep Walking

God's timing isn't always easy.

God's ways are not our ways.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

— **Genesis 12:1 (NIV)**

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Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

— **Romans 4:16-17 (NIV)**

God doesn't see you the way that you see you.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

— **Romans 4:18 (NIV)**

2. Keep Believing

Some of us haven't received because we haven't believed the promise.

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When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

— **Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)**

They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!" Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what

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you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

– **Acts 2:12-17 (NLT)**

3. Keep Declaring

If you pray through, God will come through.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

– **Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)**

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. What does your default tend to be in the waiting (getting discouraged, getting complacent, worrying, complaining, etc.)?
2. In what areas of your life are you waiting on the Lord?
 - How can you “work your wait” in those areas?
3. In this waiting season, how can you keep walking?
4. What specific things can you be praying for this week?
5. What declarations do you need to make this week?