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A HOPE CITY RELATIONSHIP SERIES

Discussion Guide

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Waiting Seasons

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Main Idea

Pastors Kenny and Tasha Cobbs Leonard were our guests this week and shared how we often look at the success and finished product in someone's life, but we never get to see behind the scenes when it's uncomfortable in the waiting. Times of waiting

Psalms 27:14 (ESV)

Wait for Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

His Timing is His Kindness

The enemy works hard to frustrate us in the waiting and cause us to lose focus. It's God's timing that shows us his love because if we get ahead of Him, we will fumble his favor.

How are you demonstrating your trust in God during your waiting season?

Read: Proverbs 13:12; 16:9

Check Your Circle

In every season, especially in the waiting, we need friends who will intercede in faith with and for us to see our miracle. We need people that we connect with that can sharpen us, pray with us, encourage us, and see us through.

What would you say to someone who is growing through a waiting season?

Read: Mark 2:3-11; Proverbs 27:17

Refuse to Let The Enemy Steal Your Praise

Like a restaurant waiter takes care of who they serve, we need to focus our worship and serving on God in the midst of our waiting. Focus on what He is doing in you, not for you. Our praise is non-negotiable.

Read: James 5:7-8

Strength in the waiting

Eagles can carry 10x more than any bird, and are the only birds that can soar above storms. God's hand is on our entire life and strengthens us through every stage. You won't be distracted by comparison if you are captivated by His purpose.

How can we best recognize the season we are in? How can we find our pace in the various stages of waiting; the soaring, running, and walking?

Read: Isaiah 40:31; Micah 7:7

SUMMARY

Seasons of waiting are unavoidable, but they are not wasted. He always makes a way to show up and make good on his promises. Our pace in the midst is proof of our maturity. Celebrate the victories, but also testify about the tough times, because it is there that He stretches us, shows Himself as faithful.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Take inventory of your circle of friends. Are they intercessors of faith? If you are not already in a group, join one or create your own group. You can click [HERE](#) for more information.
2. Schedule some intentional time to worship and focus on what He is doing in you, rather than what He is doing for you.
3. Pray that God will continue to build your faith in your times of waiting. Read Isaiah 40:31 and meditate on how you can apply it to your current situations.
4. Ladies, mark your calendars for Ladies Night, Friday, October 6, 7PM, at our West Houston location.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Around the World

The leader begins by saying the name of any country, city, river, ocean or mountain that can be found in an atlas. The young person next to him must then say another name that begins with the last letter of the word just given. Each person has a definite time limit (e.g. three seconds) and no names can be repeated.

For example -

First person: London, Second Person: Niagara Falls, Third Person: Switzerland