What Are You Waiting For?

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INTRODUCTION

- The reality is God calls us to be certain kinds of people while waiting is happening in the background.
- This morning, I wanted to take those thoughts of waiting a little further and consider the question what are you waiting for?
- And maybe you found yourself asking God, what are you waiting for? Why don't you act? Why don't you do something? Why don't you intervene?

1 Life Is Not Meant to Be Perfect

John 9:1–7

- I think it's important that you know that life is not meant to be perfect.
- And in this world of perceived perfection, the problems in our own lives can stand out even more.
- And Jesus answered, it was not that this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.
- Yet this man lived every single day of his life without his vision.

2 We Are Not Owed Anything by God

Luke 17

- Only one recognized that Jesus didn't have to heal them.
- I think it's incredibly critical that we understand we are not owed anything by God.
- How incredible is it that God hears us, that he listens to us. Because he doesn't have to.

3 Imperfections Can Do Good in the World

- The struggles and the imperfections of this life ought to cause us to yearn for the perfect that is to come when this life is over.
- Those are some of the most powerful ways that we can bring glory and honor and lost souls to God.
- Life is not meant to be perfect, and those imperfections can do good in the world around us.
- Regardless of what your life circumstances are, you don't know why things are the way they are.

4 Blind So God's Power Could Be Seen

John 9:3

- It is precisely the blind man's blindness that enabled him to bring glory to God.
- Jesus says that this man is blind so that God's power could be seen in him.

- God has used imperfect people since Adam and Eve to bring him glory since the beginning of time.
- Can your imperfections and the things that you wish were different in your own life, can they have an impact on the kingdom? They can. And they do.

5 How Can My Struggles Bring Glory to God?

Romans 9:20–21

- But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?
- Has the potter no right over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?
- We should be asking, how can my struggles, how can my problems, how can these imperfections bring glory to God?
- As Christians, we know that this life was never meant to be perfect, and this life is not all there is.

6 God Is Doing the Important Waiting

2 Peter 3:8–9; Acts 22:16

- We may go through life asking God what he's waiting for, but in a very real way, God is asking us the very same question.
- When all is said and done, it's really God who is doing the important waiting.
- The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that anyone should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- And why do you wait? What are you waiting for? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

THE CHALLENGE

Whatever difficulty you're going through, what are you waiting for to put him first? To live a godly life despite those struggles and those troubles, despite the test of faith that it is praying and not receiving the answer that you want.

MY NOTES