***The Waiting Room***

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Luke 15:11-14

*…A man had two sons. 12 The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.*

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*13 A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money on wild living.*

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*14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. (NLT)*

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Lamentations 3:7-9

*He (God) has bound me in chains; I am a prisoner with no hope of escape.*

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*8 I cry aloud for help, but God refuses to listen;*

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*9 I stagger as I walk; stone walls block me wherever I turn. (TEV)*

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Lamentations 3:21-29

*21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:*

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*22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;*

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*23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

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*24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."*

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*25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*

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*26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.” (ESV)*

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Isaiah 30:15-18

*The Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says, "Only in returning to me and waiting for me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength. But you would have none of it.*

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*16 You said, 'No, we will get our help from Egypt. They will give us swift horses for riding into battle.' But the only swiftness you are going to see is the swiftness of your enemies chasing you!*

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*17 One of them will chase a thousand of you. Five of them will make all of you flee. You will be left like a lonely flagpole on a distant mountaintop."*

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*18 But the Lord still waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful (A God of justice) God. Blessed are those who wait for him to help them.” (NLT)*

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“The more we get in a hurry, the more necessary it is for God to make us wait.”

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“There is a purpose for the pause”.

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James 1:2-4

*2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,*

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*3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

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*4 And let steadfastness (cheerful and hopeful endurance) have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (ESV)*

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Psalm 37:1-7

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*1 FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God).*

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*2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.*

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*3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed.*

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*4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.*

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*5 Commit your way to the Lord roll and repose each care of your load on Him; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass.*

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*6 And He will make your uprightness and right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice and right as the shining sun of the noonday.*

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*7 Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him;” (AMP)*

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Psalm 46:10

*Be still (relaxation and comfort) and know (by observation and assurance) that I am God.” (KJV)*