

In the Midst of Waiting



Big Idea Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Sermon Text

Psalm 27:1-6



Big Idea

Seeing that we live between the “already” and the “not yet,” we graciously wait by dwelling in his presence, gazing upon the beauty of the Lord and inquiring of his name. We rest in Him, the Sufficiency of All things, knowing that his past faithfulness guarantees His current and future faithfulness.

One of the clearest marks of the tension between the already and the not yet is the waiting incumbent in any area of our lives where there is a gap between our present situation and what we hope for. Between the already and the not yet is the wait

The Name of the Lord (vs 1-3)

The reality that undergirds lack of fear is God. He is the centering force of our lives. Against the backdrop of all the issues we are facing and the waiting, the name Yahweh should become the strong tower we run to over and over again. This name is our hope. This name is our peace. This name is our Joy. In the midst of the waiting, one of the most satisfying and empowering thing we can do is to feast on God

One Thing (vs 4)

Rather than cry out for help the psalmist expresses a deep longing and desire for God. The posture of his heart is to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life. This is his One Thing. It is not financial security, it is not a job, it is not health, it is not safety, it is not marriage, his one thing is GOD

Gazing Upon the Beauty of the Lord (vs 4)

There are a couple of active verbs - seek after, dwell, gaze, inquire - and all of these connote a growing intimacy with God and this is our part to do. Like every loving parent, God in his love will not do what we should do by ourselves. It is part of his training for us. We cannot hurry the waiting season but what we can do is to consistently gaze upon the his face...and this is how we survive the tension of the already but not yet.

The Sovereignty of God (vs 5-6)

If you can trust God to save you from eternal damnation, please trust him in the here and now. His past faithfulness guarantees current and future faithfulness. The unnerving level of God’s providential involvement in the details of Joseph’s life is proof that God is involved in the details of our lives. The Sovereign hand of your God is with you

Why do We Wait?

Waiting shows us our need for God and it engenders the necessary dying to self. Desires, by nature, do not consider what is good, whereas God, by nature, is after what is good for you. Often, our desires and God’s goal will be opposed to one another. To be aligned to God is to die to self. We learn to die to self (abandoning our desires to God) by gazing upon Him, for in him is true and overwhelming satisfaction.



Homework

- Pick one spiritual practice/discipline that draws you closer to God. It could be praying, journaling, fasting, solitude & silence, service, scripture meditation, etc.
- Pick a time and a venue
- Show up and meet with God. You are NOT running the show, God is. Simply show up
- Do all the above consistently