

# THE WAITING ROOM

## READY & WAITING

Much of our lives are spent in transition. We grow up, waiting years to be old enough to drive, marry, raise children or retire. No one likes to wait, though. Waiting is hard. We live our lives sometimes paralyzed by this fear that our lives are wasted waiting for something that may never come. Even as we wait, God is mightily at work.

### Day 1 Read Isaiah 40:27-31

This was originally written to a group of people who were living in captivity—they were exiled in a foreign land and far from home. How would these words have been a source of comfort for them? How are they comforting to you?

### Day 2 Read Matthew 11:1-19

John was thrown in prison for calling out the wickedness of King Herod. John was also the first one to publically announce Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. There is reason to believe that John had been in prison for more than a year before sending people to Jesus. In what ways can you relate to John? Have you ever been in a season where it seemed like God was distant or apathetic? How does this passage speak into that?

### Day 3 Read Exodus 3:1-14

What do you appreciate about this exchange between Moses and God? Verses 11 and 12 are very interesting. Try and put them in your own words. How would the sign God speaks about help to answer the question Moses asks in verse 11? What does this say about our time in the waiting room?

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## Day 4 Read Psalm 77

What about this psalm can you identify with? Why is it uncomfortable for people to be this honest with God? What can this psalm teach us about navigating the waiting room?

## Day 5 Read James 4:7-10

What are some ways we can draw near to God while in the waiting room? Recall a time when challenges and uncertainty actually pushed you toward more intimacy with God. Why is it hard for us to maintain that after things clear up?

## Day 6 Read Psalm 119:89-96

Try and put verse 90 into your own words. How can reminding ourselves of God's faithfulness be helpful while in the waiting room?

## Day 7 Read Romans 8:26-30

In worship, we said that navigating seasons of waiting and uncertainty begins with believing that with God's help, these periods can actually be fruitful. How does this passage speak to that? Make this passage your prayer today and ask God to help you trust that what it says is true.

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