



in the waiting

Series Lessons

God's silence is not His ABSENCE – waiting is part of His PREPARATION.

Waiting tests our TRUST and reveals our

HEARTS.

Hebrews 11

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

In The Waiting...

1 The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'

2 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.'

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

God asked Abram to leave three things: His Country; His People and His Father's household. In return God promised Abram THREE things:

He would become a great NATION

He would have a great NAME

He would be a great BLESSING

⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. Genesis 12

Abraham lived to be 175 Yrs Old (Genesis 25:7)

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised,

IN THE WAITING... LESSON #1 The BIGGER the problem/blessing, the longer the WAIT _____.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ² And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. Genesis 16

Sara didn't understand the reason for the DELAY. (10 Years)
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In the waiting God wants our FAITH not necessarily our ASSISTANCE.
And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

IN THE WAITING... LESSON #2 We usually create our own PROBLEMS when we get AHEAD of God.

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. Genesis 18

God appears at a normal time during a NORMAL day.

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Abraham realized when GOD showed up.

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Abraham WAITED on the Lord.

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IN THE WAITING... LESSON #3 Learn to OCCUPY the place where you are as you WAIT.
(waiting requires action).

How to wait upon the Lord...

Have Faith (Trust)- God's Timing is better than yours.

Have Patience- Resist Anxiety and don't try to force things. **Psalm 37**

Be Obedient- *1 Samuel 15:22 Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

Wait Actively- *Isaiah 40:31 But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*