



**Series:** The King Is Coming

**Sermon:** Part 2: Waiting

**Date:** Sunday, December 11th, 2022

**Scripture:** Luke 2:25-35

*“Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You may now dismiss Your servant in peace.” (Luke 2:29)*

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel... (Luke 2:25)*

*Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed... (Isaiah 40:1-2)*

Comfort: \_\_\_\_\_

*A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” (Isaiah 40:3)*

*In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.’” (Matthew 3:1-3)*

The Coming Comfort: The glory of the Lord, the promised \_\_\_\_\_ Himself, would appear to them. But not just to them, but to all \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all nations...” (Luke 2:30-31)*

Waiting has always been a way of \_\_\_\_\_ for those who follow God.

Hope is \_\_\_\_\_. Waiting and trusting.

*“I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.” But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’...*



*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:7-9,10)*

Paul learned that in our weakness, in our brokenness, in our neediness... We learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on God. We learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)*

*"You never know how much you believe in the strength of the rope until you're hanging by it over a cliff." (C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed)*

The rope is God, and you'll never discover how much you can truly \_\_\_\_\_ God until you spend some time hanging from it.

Patience is like a muscle. The more you use it, the \_\_\_\_\_ it gets.

**Waiting on God:**

**1. Practice patience**

If you really want to practice patience, put away your phone while waiting.

**2. Pray or read the Bible: remember all the promises God has made**

**Bottom Line:** *Hope is waiting plus trusting.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. What is something that you are waiting for during this season of Advent?
2. What makes it hard for you to wait and trust God in your waiting?
3. What is a step you can take to practice patience over this next week and lean more on God while you wait?

*Songs used in service: Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham), Tumbas A Jardines (Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake), Promises (Maverick City Music), Something Good (Gateway Worship)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**