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WHILE WAITING

Help us resonate with your word so much that we take your word for it. And we trust you even when the times are hard. Amen!

Our topic for this week is “While Waiting”.

What we’re looking at is how hard it is to wait but God still remains faithful.

For a case study, we’re taking Abraham.

Abraham was 75 when God gave him a son of promise. It was God who gave him this word. He promised him.

I want us to open our bible on the side.

First, Genesis 12.

Can someone post 1-3?

“Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto the land that I will show thee: \*and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing:\* and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

⌋ ⌋ Genesis⌋ ⌋ 12:1-3⌋ ⌋ ASV

This was where the promise came.

In the normal sense, we would like to look at his age and how God even gave the word— like you would really have a son.

“And Jehovah appeared unto Abram, and said, \*Unto thy seed will I give this land\*: and there builded he an altar unto Jehovah, who appeared unto him.”

⌋ ⌋ Genesis⌋ ⌋ 12:7⌋ ⌋ ASV

He said it here too.

If we go through all the chapters in Genesis from 12, God kept mentioning it.

Can we check and bring out another verse where the promise was repeated in those chapters?

Look at this:

“And \*I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then may thy seed also be numbered.”\*

† † Genesis† † 13:16† † ASV† †

If anyone got this such promise, we would shout and really thank God, but what happens when we don't see them?

Let's check the trend— God kept repeating His word. Kept reminding Abraham.

It was consistent.

This is what happens with us.

When God gives us a word, he tells us and tells some other people who now confirm the word.

A lot of times, the word never comes to pass until after a long while.

God told Abraham, God sent Angels 15 years later.

It was so obvious that these blessings were coming.

15 years after God gave him the word, it still wasn't fulfilled. 15 good years.

I remember that a friend once gave me a word about something I was trusting God for and a week went, two, three, four, nothing came by. I kept going back to check the words. I wanted to be sure I read well.

Truth is that, words of knowledge are prophetic and is a respecter of timing.

That God says it would happen doesn't mean it is now.

No caps.

15 years later, Abraham didn't have a son.

And all through the 15 years, God kept reminding him.

We cannot underestimate what Abraham must have gone through.

The society would laugh at him.

His friends would mock him.

Unbelievers he talked about God to would mock him.

His wife would be going through hell too.

It wasn't pretty for them.

A lot of life was happening in those 9 chapters, a lot of questioning, and a lot of doubting.

How many times was Abraham tempted to think: "Did I not hear God? Did I take a wrong step? "Did I believe in vain?" "Where is this child I was promised!?" "I'm not getting any younger over here!"

So much!

Guys, after that 15 years, another 10 years passed before he finally had a son.

25 years?!!!!!!

Wait. What?

Like, why did God have to repeat it that much, anyways?

He had to go through 25 years of all the unthinkableables before God gave him.

Are we together?

According to study, there is a pattern to the life of faith that often follows a sequence of promise -> excitement -> waiting -> doubting -> testing -> refining -> and then, eventual fulfillment.

And we see it with Abraham.

There was a promise and all of that, that made him so refined that he could agree to make his son as sacrifice. This is what waiting does.

It makes us stronger so much so that we find it impossible to doubt God's word.

The challenge we have is that our society makes it really hard to wait for the perfect timing.

Too much pressure

Social structure

Parents

Peers

Etc

Now, we just scroll through Instagram without checking well.

We have quick solutions to everything.

We can't even wait for a 5 second advert on YouTube

We even have instant noodles.

Nobody waits anymore.

Great line is; Waiting, enduring, and learning patience, are very important in our walk with God.

There are so many reasons why God needs us to wait sometimes.

1. For us to show gratitude to God for the blessings.
2. For us to trust in God, not finding alternatives.
3. Give ourselves to God's perfect purpose.

Sometimes we think that just because God has called us to serve Him it must mean we would be so comfortable and don't need to go through the common trials that come with life that is almost always connected to long periods of suffering and waiting.

It's not true, and it's usually the opposite.

Infact, God uses us in the most dramatic ways to learn the things He wants us to and go in His perfect will.

We just need to surrender. Let God do all he wants to do. By his power.

In surrendering, we will find a comfort in knowing that God is God, that He does not need our advice, that His ways are higher and better than our ways, and that He is good to the deepest core of His being. He is Faithful!!!!

When waiting on God,

Surrender

Thank Him

Be hopeful

Submit to Him

Only at the big age of 100 did God decide it was time to make good on His original promise to Abraham and give him a son through his wife Sarah, which by that time, Abraham had all but given up on.

Is His promise in your life even up to 25 years yet? Why are you lamenting?

Just thank Him because this phase would pass and very soon, you will get that thing you've been hoping for! Yes, you will!

Can we begin to thank God for His promises!

Let's appreciate Him because His words are forever sure.

Because He is faithful!

Thank you Jesus!

Lord, we thank you for tonight.

We thank you because our trust in you is strengthened and we do believe that you honour your word more than your name.

Thank you Everlasting Father— in Jesus name we pray. Amen!

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Lord, we thank you for your word about to come to us and we are excited.

We pray that it brings forth great harvest and that our lives speak your word expressly.

Amen.

On today's episode of While Waiting, we are looking at the life of David and the period he waited to be king.

Remember that on Monday, we talked about how Abraham knew of God's promise but he didn't know the when.

Today, we're talking of someone who knew the when and had to wait— David.

He knew he was going to be king and every normal person knows that's going to happen when the present king dies.

We see all these in 2 Samuel.

David's years of waiting was almost like Abraham's but he still waited patiently.

David was a teenager when he was anointed to be king. It was around the same time that he also faced Goliath. He had a portfolio of always winning everything.

He fought with animals also and won.

This was his life.

At the time David went through all his time in the palace and knowing that he was going to be the next king, he could have as well killed the king. Or maybe not play for him and let the spirit torment him. But he kept his cool— as a child of God, he had to do what was best for him in that position.

With the way David communicated before he went to Goliath, he sounded ambitious. Like someone who had big dreams.

I mean, who would think small and go and fight with Goliath? He'd crush the person before getting to the battlefield.

Just to input here; in doing the things of God, you need to enlarge your mindset to see things the way God sees it.

This is one of the tests God puts us through.

For instance, God wants you to handle a project of 200k and you have to source for money.

Before going through with the project, God already knows that you can do it and you'd pull through so why settle for less?

This is also one of the tests God puts you through when he has an agenda waiting for you.

Because to conquer thousands, you have to start from conquering one at least.

So, one of the things you do while waiting is to \*Inquire from God\*.

How should I do it?

How do I go through?

Where do I start from?

You have to plan and strategize.

After David killed the animals, he killed Goliath.

He went on and conquered nations.

He won all his wars!

The beginning of his journey had prepared him.

While David started, He was able to mention to Saul all the things he had done. This brings us to the next; \*Take records\*.

Go around with your journal or note and take records of whatever leap you take. Record your progress, you never can know who would ask or inquire of you.

Are we together?

Another thing we can see about David is that he was humble to learn and help; \*Learn in the Process\*.

While you're waiting for whatever, make sure that you're not just waiting and expecting it to come to you but you are preparing yourself for it.

The truth is, what you're not ready for won't come to you.

It was nearly 15 years between the time that he was anointed king and actually became king.

He was tested, just like Joseph, so that God could convert him from a shepherd into a king.

He had temptations too.

He became the best friend of the son to the man with his throne.

He had plenty opportunities to have killed Saul but rather, he protected him.

This was huge for him but he held on to it.

Imagine you knew that you were going to be the president after Buhari. What would your reaction be?

If you were David, you'd probably stop rearing the animals. Like, "What?! A whole president in a few months on this ranch?" Nah.

But on the contrary, David was humble enough to learn and let God put him there in His own time.

1. Inquire from God
2. Take records
3. Learn in the process

These are very important in the process of reaching God's agenda for us in a timeline.

When God puts a dream in our hearts, we go through testing. The greater the dream, the greater the test.

God uses those tests *\*to prove our character\** to make sure we don't waste the dream.

*\*He knows we aren't ready to handle the fulfillment,\** so He tests us to help us become the person who will carry out the dream well. If God has given you a dream, *\*be prepared to be tested and to wait\** for the fulfillment of it.

There is a king (or queen) inside of you waiting to come out, but it will take some perseverance to make that happen.

Thank you father for your word that has come through.

We pray that you help us inquire from you at every point, take records of our progress and that you help us learn in the process. Thank you Jesus!