

I HAVE FAITH FOR THIS

Faith To Wait

(Part 5 of a 8 part series)

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INTRODUCTION

In a world brimming with uncertainty and challenges, faith becomes our anchor and guide. Throughout this series, we will explore the profound impact of understanding what faith is, why it is important and how we can operate in it. Drawing inspiration from scripture and the powerful biblical stories, personal testimonies, and practical teachings, together, we will delve into what it means to possess unwavering faith, how to cultivate it in the face of adversity, and the extraordinary outcomes that faith can bring.

Join us as we embark on this spiritual journey, deepening our trust in God's promises and discovering the boundless possibilities that arise when we declare, "I have faith for this."

We believe this series will:

- Equip our church to live lives of great faith.
- Teach our church how faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God.
- Empower people to activate faith in their lives.
- Challenge people to live expectant for the blessing, favour and power of Jesus in every area of their lives.

KEY VERSE

Galatians 5:5 NIV: "For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope."

DISCOVERY

Do you have the faith to wait? The question isn't whether we will wait in this life but how we wait. Are you waiting with impatience, anxiety, and distraction, or are you waiting with faith and the Holy Spirit?

In this study, we will dive into scripture and explore questions about waiting, what we are waiting for, how we wait, and a Helper who is freely available to us through it all. Let us journey together to understand the divine purpose and transformative power of waiting with faith.

The Amplified Translation of this verse says: For we [not relying on the Law but] through the [strength and power of the Holy] Spirit, by faith, are waiting [confidently] for the hope of righteousness [the completion of our salvation].

Waiting is not uncommon for us. We all go through periods and seasons of waiting, whether it's for a breakthrough, a miracle, a marriage, a child, acceptance into university, or other significant milestones. We can all relate to these seasons of waiting and the uncertainties they can bring, with many unknowns ahead of us. Waiting confidently and eagerly, with great expectation of what God can do, is what is required of us.

DISCUSSION

Starting questions:

- Q: Do you feel like you're currently in a waiting season?
- Q: How has it been affecting you? (name a few emotions that you have been feeling in the waiting)
- Q: What does "waiting by faith" look like for you?

Exploring questions:

A commentary on this verse explains that "those walking in the Spirit wait for righteousness by faith; they are not trying to earn it by performing good works. No one is a legalist through the Spirit."

A biblical Scholar named Wuest describes eagerly waiting in this way: "The word speaks of an attitude of intense yearning and an eager waiting for something. Here it refers to the believer's intense desire for and eager expectation of a practical righteousness which will be constantly produced in his life by the Holy Spirit as he yields himself to Him."

- Q: When you first read the key scripture, what stood out to you the most?
- Q: This verse refers to the hope of righteousness, what do you understand by that?
- Q: In light of this righteousness that we are waiting for, what can we do today to prepare for it?

Action Questions:

- Q: What are some things you can actively do while you eagerly wait?
- Q: How can we always rely on the strength and power of the Holy Spirit?
- Q: What does it mean to yield to the Holy Spirit?

DEVOTION

Take time to meditate on these closing scriptures:

Take a few moments in silence to wait on the Holy Spirit and realign your spirit with His.

Psalm 27:14

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 33:20-22

"Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you."

Q: In what ways do you need prayer in your waiting season?

Conclude by praying with each other and for each other.