

WHO'S WAITING ON WHO?

For the week of January 31, 2021

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Psalm 40

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. **3** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. **4** Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! **5** You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. **7** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: **8** I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." **9** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. **10** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. **11** As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! **12** For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. **13** Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! **14** Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life, let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! **15** Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" **16** But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" **17** As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. In My Waiting, God Hears Me (vs 1)
2. In My Waiting, God Encourages Me (vs 3)
3. In My Waiting, God Blesses Me (vs 4-5)
4. As I Wait, I Will Trust God (vs 6-8)
5. As I Wait, I Will Honor God (vs 9-12)
6. As I Wait, I Will Glorify God (vs 13-17)

GOAL:

When I wait WITH God, God cares for me, hears me, encourages me, and blesses me.

GET GOING:

- What is the most difficult thing that you have ever had to wait for?
- Why is waiting with God so difficult?
- Look at verse 2. How have you seen God deliver you from your personal 'miry bog'?
- Look at verse 8. In the midst of your waiting, how are you honoring God with your words, actions, attitudes and beliefs? Where do you need to grow?
- Look at verse 10. Who do you need to tell about God's deliverance in your life?
- Look at verse 1. What are you currently crying out to God about? Why?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Philippians 4:5b-8.
- How does this relate to what we studied in Psalm 40?
- 'The Lord is at hand.' How does that alter your perspective?
- How does anxiety impact your waiting with God?
- Who in your life demonstrates the type of peace that Paul references in vs. 7?
- Describe the current state of your prayer life.
- Look at verse 8. Why is your thinking so important in the midst of your waiting? In which of these areas do you need to grow?

GET GROUNDED:

- Where in your life are you tempted to 'cut corners' to avoid waiting on God?
- On a scale from 1-10, what is your peace level right now? Why?
- What impacted you personally from either the message or study today?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 4:5b-7 "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."