**Series: God. With. Us**

**Today: Waiting on God**

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***Matthew 1:20-23***

*… an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[*[*f*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23166f)*] because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*22All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”(which means “God with us”).*

**God Has No Express Lane**

*“To you, O Lord, a thousand years are like a day.” (2 Peter 3:8)*

1. **Why God Makes Us Wait?**
2. Perhaps the track we are on is not the one God wants for us?
3. Perhaps God wants to expand the longing of our hearts?
4. Perhaps we are not yet prepared to maturely receive what God wants to give us?
5. **Four Ways God is Faithful to You in Dark Seasons**
6. He will not abandon us
7. He suffered for us and he suffers with us
8. He is faithful to us through others
9. In the end, He will bring us home

“…everything sad is going to come untrue.”  
-JRR Tolkien

*“God is faithful.” 1 Corinthians 1:9*

*“God’s faithfulness reaches to the skies.” Psalm 36:5*

*“God will remain faithful even if every man in the world turns out to be a liar.” Romans 3:4*

*“God is faithful, who will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear, but with the test will make a way of escape, so that you may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13*

*“God will work all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28*

*“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9*

*“My God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Messiah Jesus.” Philippians 4:19*

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the confession of our faith, for He who promised is faithful.” Hebrews 10:23*

***Lamentations 3:19-23***

*19 – I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.*

*20 – I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.*

*21 – Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:*

*22 – Because of the LORD’S great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.*

*23 – They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*