

Let's Discuss...Jesus

PART 8_ Waiting, Doubting, & Seeking



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Scriptures mentioned:

For you have snatched me from death, kept my feet from stumbling, That I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 56:14 NAB

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

Philippians 4:11-12 ESV

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery!

Colossians 2:2-3 MSG

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24 NKJV

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Summary

How do we live with joy while we're still waiting on Jesus to answer our prayers? We talk about attaching our joy to Jesus (not in what He can give us), the growth that we can experience through uncomfortable seasons, and how we have at times had doubts – our faith makes big claims!

Let's Discuss...

- Is there something that you are asking God for in your life and haven't seen the answer to? How do you cultivate joy and contentment in your life while you're in this season of waiting?
- If the outcomes to your prayers don't turn out how you'd expect or like them to, will this affect your joy or faith in God? Why or why not?
- Scripture is full of the promises of God and reminders of His provision in our lives. How can we stay mindful that the object and focus of our worship is the Source of these good things, and not the good things themselves?
- As Christians, we don't escape the difficulties of life. James writes to the believers:

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get His help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought.

James 1:2-6a MSG

Are there any difficult situations you've been through that you now look back on and consider a "gift"? How can we go from resenting hard times to seeing the value in them? What can we do while we're in the middle of an uncomfortable season to hold on to our faith and "let it do its work" in us?

- Having gone through this series of discussions on Jesus, what remaining questions, doubts, thoughts, aspects of who He is, etc. would you like to learn more about? What is the next step on your discipleship journey of becoming more like Him?

Let's Pray...

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 ESV

- As we endeavor to learn from and become more like Jesus, let's invite the Holy Spirit to bring constant reminders throughout our days to set our eyes back on Him. May He cultivate a deep desire in us to seek Him with all our hearts, and give us grace, patience, joy, and contentment as He eventually completes the good work that He has started and continues to do in us.

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Peter walks on the water
with Jesus
Matthew 14:22-33

*I love those who love me, and
those who seek me diligently
find me.*

Proverbs 8:17 ESV

Let's Go Deeper...

- **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23** by W Phillip Keller [book]
- **The Shepherd Trilogy** by Phillip Keller [book]
- **The Final Words of Jesus Part 1 | Judah Smith** by Churchome [video]