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SERMON TITLE

WHEN FAITH WAITS

SERIES

REAL FAITH COSTS

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KEY SCRIPTURE

James 5:7-12

SYNOPSIS

Patience isn't gritted-teeth endurance — it's standing firm, staying in the conversation with God, and being someone whose yes is yes.

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

The train is coming. You don't get to see the schedule — but it's not a maybe.

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming." (James 5:7)

Notes:

STAND FIRM WHILE YOU WAIT

The waiting isn't a delay in the plan — it is the plan, running on a calendar that was never yours.

"See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." (James 5:7)

Notes:

DON'T GRUMBLE AT THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU IN LINE

Waiting doesn't usually come out as anger at God — it comes out sideways, at whoever's closest.

"Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!" (James 5:9)

Notes:

STAY IN THE CONVERSATION, EVEN CONFUSED

Job isn't the patience hall-of-famer because he suffered well — it's because he never walked away from God.

"You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about." (James 5:11)

Notes:



SAY LESS. MEAN ALL OF IT.

If your word means something, you don't need an oath to prop it up.

"All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No.'" (James 5:12)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

What are you waiting on God for right now that you've stopped trusting Him with?

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry." (Psalm 40:1)

Notes:
