



Reflection Guide

Sermon Title: This Is Taking Too Long

Key Takeaways

- ⇒ Most of the strides we want to make will take longer than we want them to take
- ⇒ The problem is not that we wait, but that we wait wrong
- ⇒ Three Powers for Waiting Well:
 - Power of Perception: God and we don't see situations the same way
 - Power of Paradox: We can hold frustration and faith simultaneously
 - Power of Position: Don't let pain authorize your movement; wait for the Master's call

Personal Reflection

1. Pastor Dharius mentioned that Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (v. 5), yet He still delayed (v. 6). How does this challenge my assumptions about how God's love should look?
2. "You can't get to where you want to be if you won't admit where you are." What area of my life needs this kind of honest reality check right now?
3. Which "wrong way of waiting" resonates most with me: waiting anxiously, angrily, suspiciously, comparing, controlling, or complaining? Why do I think I default to that response?
4. The message distinguishes between waiting for development versus waiting for destiny. Can I identify a current waiting season in my life? Which category might it fall into?
5. Power of Perception: How does understanding that God sees my situation differently than I do change the way I approach my current challenges?
6. Power of Paradox: Martha expressed both frustration ("If you had been here...") and faith ("But even now..."). How comfortable am I bringing my honest frustrations to God? Do I feel like frustration disqualifies my faith?
7. Power of Position: Mary didn't move until the Master called her. What does it look like practically to "sit in the uncomfortable" until God calls me to move? What typically causes me to move prematurely?
8. Pastor Dharius mentions that "waiting does not have to drain you if you learn how to wait with God." What spiritual practices or rhythms could help me wait with God rather than just wait for God?