# THE SEASON OF WAITING Growing in the Seasons of Life

"... [God] does everything <u>just right</u> and <u>on time</u>, but people can never completely understand what he is doing."
Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NCV)

#### WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD

# 1. REMEMBER THERE IS A NATURAL <u>DELAY</u> BETWEEN <u>PLANTING</u> & <u>HARVESTING</u>!

"There is <u>a time</u> for everything, and <u>a season</u> for every activity under heaven ... A time to <u>plant</u> and a time to <u>harvest</u> ... a time to <u>scatter</u> and a time to <u>gather</u> ..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

#### I REAP IN A <u>DIFFERENT</u> SEASON THAN I SOW

#### 2. REMEMBER THERE IS AN <u>UNSEEN BATTLE</u> GOING ON.

"We are not struggling and fighting against human beings, but against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm— [the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness]." Ephesians 6:12 (CJB; TEV)

#### A <u>DELAY</u> IS NOT A <u>DENIAL</u>

## 3. REMEMBER GOD IS <u>PREPARING</u> ME FOR HIS BLESSING.

- "... There is wonderful joy ahead, even though [it is necessary for you to] endure many trials for a while. <u>These troubles test your faith</u>, to show that it is strong and pure, just as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold." 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)
- "... Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We... don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer

we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy." Romans 8:24-25 (MSG)

"Meanwhile, when we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along." Romans 8:26 (MSG)

"If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He prays in us and for us ... He knows us far better than we know ourselves, [and] knows our pregnant condition...

That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good."

Romans 8:26b-28 (MSG)

## 4. REMEMBER I AM IN GOOD COMPANY WHEN WAITING ON GOD.

"People who lived in the past became famous because of [their] faith." Hebrews 11:2 (ICB)

"After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised." Hebrews 6:15

## 5. REMEMBER GOD <u>ALWAYS</u> KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

**God**: "At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting—it will happen!" Habakkuk 2:3 (CEV)

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