

## THE WINDOW OF WAITING

Journey to the Manger, Part 1  
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“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.”  
Micah 5:2 (NLT)

“Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”  
Romans 8:20–22 (NLT)

### The Journey of Waiting:

- We are all waiting for something.
- Waiting is a window of time.
- While waiting, my responsibility is to actively \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

“Mary responded, ‘I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.’ And then the angel left her.”  
Luke 1:38 (NLT)

### WHILE I’M WAITING GOD IS WORKING ...

#### 1. God is working \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 1:26–38)

- In the waiting, what is God trying to form in me?

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”  
James 1:2–4 (NIV)

#### 2. God is working \_\_\_\_\_.

“Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How can I be sure this will happen? I’m an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years.’ Then the angel said, ‘I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn’t believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.’”  
Luke 1:18–20 (NLT)

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”  
Galatians 4:4–5 (NIV)

- In the waiting, what does God want me to \_\_\_\_\_ for?

#### 3. God is working \_\_\_\_\_.

“Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, ‘God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.’”  
Luke 1:42–44 (NLT)

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.”  
2 Thessalonians 3:6 (NIV)

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”  
- John Wesley

“Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.”  
Philippians 1:12–14 (NIV)

- In waiting, where is God wanting me to increase my faithfulness?

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”  
2 Peter 3:8–9 (NIV)

Take your next step



1. trust 2. in me 3. around me  
4. pray 5. through me



## 等待之旅

馬槽之旅 (一)

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「然而伯利恆·以法他啊·你在猶大人中只是一個小村莊·以色列的統治者卻要從你那裏出來·他的根源來自亙古。」  
彌迦書 5:2 (新普及譯本)

「所有受造之物在不情願之下·都屈從於上帝的詛咒。然而·懷着殷切的盼望·受造之物都期盼那一天能和上帝的兒女一同擺脫死亡和朽壞·得享榮耀的自由。我們知道·所有受造物直到現在都在呻吟·就像在痛苦分娩一樣。」  
羅馬書 8:20-22 (新普及譯本)

### 等待之旅：

- 我們都在等待某些事物
- 等待是「時間」的窗口
- 等待時·我的責任是要積極地\_\_\_\_\_上帝

「馬利亞就說：『我是主的侍女·願你所說的關於我的話都實現！』天使就離開了她。」  
路加福音 1:38 (新普及譯本)

### 我在等待·上帝在作工

#### 1. 上帝在\_\_\_\_\_作工

- 在等待中·上帝要怎樣塑造我？

「我的弟兄們·你們落在百般試煉中·都要以為大喜樂；因為知道你們的信心經過試驗·就生忍耐。但忍耐也當成功·使你們成全完備·毫無缺欠。」  
雅各書 1:2-4 (和合本)

#### 2. 上帝在\_\_\_\_\_作工

「撒迦利亞對天使說：『我怎麼知道這事真會發生呢？我已經老了·我的妻子也上了年紀。』天使回答說：『我是在上帝面前侍立的加百列！是他差遣我來告訴你這個喜訊的！但現在·因為你不相信我的話·就必定要成為啞巴·直到孩子出生·你才能開口說話。時候一到·我的話必定應驗。』」

路加福音 1:18-20 (新普及譯本)

「及至時候滿足·神就差遣他的兒子·為女子所生·且生在律法以下·要把律法以下的人贖出來·叫我們得着兒子的名分。」  
加拉太書 4:4-5 (和合本)

- 在等待中·上帝想我\_\_\_\_\_甚麼？

#### 3. 上帝在\_\_\_\_\_作工

「伊利沙伯歡呼起來·對馬利亞高聲說：『你在婦女中是最蒙上帝賜福的！你所懷的孩子也蒙賜福！我怎麼會有這樣的榮幸·蒙我主的母親探望呢？一聽到你的問候·我腹中的胎兒就高興得跳動起來！』」  
路加福音 1:42-44 (新普及譯本)

「親愛的弟兄姊妹·我們奉主耶穌基督的名吩咐你們：有些信徒遊手好閒·他們不遵行從我們領受的教導；你們要遠離這些人。」  
帖撒羅尼迦後書 3:6 (新普及譯本)

「盡力行善·藉一切方法·用一切方式·無論在何地·無論在何時·無論對何人·永不停止行善。」  
—— 約翰衛斯理

「親愛的弟兄姊妹·我希望你們知道·我在這裏所遭遇的一切·已經使福音傳播開了。這裏的每一個人·包括宮裏的全體衛兵·都知道我是因為基督的緣故才被捆鎖的；這裏大部分的信徒也都因我的被囚而有了信心·放膽宣講上帝的信息·無所畏懼。」  
腓立比書 1:12-14 (新普及譯本)

- 在等待中·上帝想我在哪方面更忠心？

「親愛的朋友·有一件事你們必不能忘記：對主來說·一日如千年·千年如一日。主並不像一些人想的那樣·遲遲不實現他的應許。其實·他是為了你們才一直忍耐。他並不想任何人滅亡·而想要人人都悔改。」  
彼得後書 3:8-9 (新普及譯本)

邁出你的下一步



1. 信靠 2. 我裏面 3. 我周圍 4. 祈求 5. 藉我