

**Ready. Set. Wait. - Part 3**  
**Overcoming Obstacles**  
**January 16th, 2022**

**Intro:**

**- Welcome!!!**

- Greet Location!
- Honor Pastors Matt & Sarah

**- We are continuing our "Ready. Set. Wait." series today!**

- Week 1 P Matt shared "Waiting is Separating & Anticipating"
- Week 2 P Sarah shared "Waiting brings a New Strength"
- Today, "[Waiting Overcomes Obstacles](#)" (Slide 1)

**Funny Story about waiting... (take about 3 minutes)**

**\*\*\*ADD IN STORY ABOUT WAITING**

Many of us don't like obstacles. We try to avoid them or maybe worse, just push through them.

Some of us...

- Start Scrolling
- Turn to TV
- Choose to stay busy to try to avoid the obstacle
- Try to take control
  - Go into fix it mode
- Self-Medicate
  - Alcohol
  - Drugs
  - Pornography

**Transition** - That's the trouble with obstacles. They never go away. The question is.....How do we handle them in a Godly way?

[John 16:33](#) - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (No slide)

In addition to not liking obstacles, many of us don't like **WAITING**!!! But God's word tells us in our key verse:

**Isaiah 40:31 NKJV (Slide 2)**

*"But those who **WAIT** on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*

**God's kind of waiting causes us to "mount up with wings like eagles" and overcome obstacles which can lead to great opportunity!**

**PRAY (Faith filled prayer)**

**Transition** – Some of us, WAITING while facing an obstacle is a funny story like I shared, but for others, it is life or death. We don't know what to do with it. Don't know where to go. We've been waiting, but it doesn't feel like we are mounted up with wings like eagles but maybe crawling on the ground like a turtle!

Illustration: Woman in the bible.....She was facing a huge **obstacle** and "**waited**" 12 years, went to the doctors, spent money, something changed when she saw Jesus....

**Mark 5:25-34 NIV (Slide 3)**

*<sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.*

*<sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.*

She's been **waiting**! But not like Isaiah talks about.

Her waiting was 12 years, spending lots of money, doctors...

She had taken every step in the natural; she could....and we believe that God puts doctors and medical professionals to help us....

For 12 years, she **waited** and something changed when she shifted her focus from the **NATURAL** to the **SUPERNATURAL**.

**Transition** - But can you imagine waiting, feeling alone, wondering if she could ever have kids..

There are .....

## 2 Kinds of Waiting.... (Slide 4)

### 1. Waiting FOR Something. (Slide 5)

This kind of waiting is keeping track of the time. Watching the clock. Keeping score of all that we've been doing. Keeping our eyes on our circumstances.

- Using natural strength to overcome obstacles

Some of us... like we said earlier ....

- Start Scrolling
- Turn to TV or shows
- Choose to stay busy to try to avoid
- Try to take control
  - o Go into fix it mode
- Self-Medicate
  - o Alcohol
  - o Drugs
  - o Pornography
- Insert something personal here..

**You see, waiting on the Lord while facing an obstacle isn't about the action of our hands but the posture of our heart!**

(Slide 6)

***<sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."***

*Can you imagine the faith that rose up in her when she hears Jesus is here? She couldn't have been focusing on what she has seen, because over the last 12 years, a lot of what she saw and probably felt was.....doctors, failed tests, discouragement, etc.*

*But instead, in the moment she heard Jesus is there, she focused on the unseen.*

*We live by faith and not by sight!*

*Shift from the natural to the supernatural!*

(Slide 7)

*<sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.*

*Wow, the wait was over! Paraphrase Verse 30-33.*

(Slide 9)

*<sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, **your faith has healed you**. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

Something changed!!! 12 years of searching, pain and waiting **FOR SOMETHING** changed in a moment. It said, "*When she heard about Jesus.*"

Do you see it??? She went from waiting for something; her healing, to...

**Transition** - You see, the second way to wait...

## **2. Waiting ON Someone.** (Slide 10)

That's the other kind of waiting. We're no longer waiting alone trying to make something happen. We're now waiting with and on Jesus. There's such a rest in this kind of waiting.

I can sense she had a massive sigh of relief when she **heard** about Jesus.

She even thought... "*If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.*"

She had done everything she knew to do in the natural, and then Jesus showed up in the supernatural and healed her!!!!

All she did was touch the hem of his clothing. That's crazy!!!

The person of Jesus changed everything!!!

Come down.....

**INSERT Personal story on how you have overcome an obstacle while waiting with the LORD.**

James 1:2-4 - 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.

Jesus is HERE!.....We are not waiting for anything, he is waiting with us!

Our obstacles lead to an opportunity and the ultimate opportunity is experiencing Jesus more.

MIP... What obstacle are you currently facing?

**You see, our key verse in Isaiah says,**

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*“But those who **WAIT** on the LORD shall renew their strength; **They shall mount up with wings like eagles**, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”*

**It says, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.....**

**I want to proclaim over you today..**

**YOU SHALL....mount up on wings like eagles as you invite God into your obstacle.....**

**Here is the thing about eagles:**

### **Characteristics of Eagles**

▪ What I am saying is that your size has nothing to do with what God wants to do with your life. Your faith does not have to be the size of your problems.

When an eagle is being pursued by a stubborn enemy, it heads towards the sun, not many birds can look directly at the sun. And as it does that, whatever is pursuing it, runs back. So, when you mount up as the eagle, and your prayer flies high, whatever is pursuing you will just have to scatter.

God is saying we should have wings to fly over mountains. For an eagle, a mountain is not a problem. It will always fly over it. For an eagle, rivers, storms, clouds, rains, etc., are no problems.

**Transition - So, Gods word says.....we are to live by faith and not by sight!**

## **Challenge:**

**Where have you been taking a step in the natural where you need to invite the supernatural in?**

**-New job**

**-Believing for raise**

**Breakthrough in your marriage**

**-Addiction**

**-Healing**

**While you may be waiting, there is someone waiting with you...**

**Before we can wait on Him we need to say, YES to Him.**

**- SALVATION**

**PRAY**

**Lead them into song, WAIT ON YOU....**