



A Very Mary Christmas
Lesson 2: A Very Mary Wait
December 5 & 6

God prepares us for life in the waiting room of life

Three Reasons We Wait in God's Waiting Room

1. Waiting can be a timing issue

Galatians 4:4 But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law **5** so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. *Message Bible*

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Ecclesiastes 3:11 God has given them a desire to know the future. He does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing. *New Century Version*

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2. Waiting can be a battle issue

Daniel 10:12 Then he said, "Don't be frightened, Daniel, for your request has been heard in heaven and was answered the very first day you began to fast before the Lord and pray for understanding; that very day I was sent here to meet you. *The Living Bible*

Daniel 10:13 But for twenty-one days the mighty Evil Spirit who overrules the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the top officers of the

heavenly army, came to help me, so that I was able to break through these spirit rulers of Persia. *The Living Bible*

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3. Waiting is a growth issue

Romans 8:24 That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. **We are enlarged in the waiting.** We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. **25 But the longer we wait, the larger we become,** and the more joyful our expectancy. *The Message Bible*

Five things to do in God's Waiting Room

1. Keep Serving

1 Corinthians 15:58 ...**Always work enthusiastically for the Lord,** for you know that **nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.** *New Living Translation*

John 12:26 ...The Father will **honor and reward anyone who serves me.** *The Message Bible*

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2. Keep Connecting (Hebrews 10:25)

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3. Keep Obeying

John 14:21 Those who **accept my commandments and obey them** are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And **I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.** *New Living Translation*

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4. Keep Doing

Luke 16:10 "If you are faithful in little things, **you will be faithful in large ones.** But if you are dishonest in little things, **you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.** *New Living Translation*

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5. Keep Praying & Thanking (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 5:20)

