

## **The In-Between**

### **Part One - The Weight of the Wait**

- **The In-Between is a place of waiting.**

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

- **In the In-Between, there is a weight to the wait.**

#### **Psalm 27:14**

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

### **Five Things to Remember While You Wait**

- 1. There is a natural delay between planting and harvesting.**

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2**

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. 2 A time to plant and a time to harvest.

#### **Habakkuk 2:3**

This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place.

#### **Hebrews 6:12**

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

- 2. There is an unseen battle going on.**

#### **Ephesians 6:12**

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

#### **Daniel 10:12-14**

Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. 13 But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. 14 Now I am here..."

#### **Matthew 18:18**

...whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

### **3. God is preparing you for a blessing!**

#### **1 Peter 1:6-7**

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold - though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

#### **Romans 8:24-25**

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **4. You're in good company.**

#### **Hebrews 11:1-2**

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. 2 It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval.

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### **5. God always keeps His promises.**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:20**

For all God's promises are "Yes" in him. And so through him we can say "Amen," to the glory of God.

• **In the In-Between, God has expectations for what we do with the weight of the wait.**

#### **1. Praise God while you wait.**

##### **Isaiah 61:3**

To provide for them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...

#### **2. Serve God while you wait.**

##### **Isaiah 40:31**

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

##### **Galatians 6:9**

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.