



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. Teach me to pray
- B. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray (Luke 11 Lord's Prayer)
 - **The point prayer isn't a religious exercise, it's a relational exercise**

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV) ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Question – What if the “place” of prayer becomes more like the waiting room of prayer?

II. THE WAITING ROOM

- A. The waiting room is no fun!
 - We just want to know – when is it my turn?
 - The biggest question is what do we do while we're waiting?
- B. After these things

Genesis 15:1-5 (NKJV) After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” ² But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house *is* my heir!” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”

Genesis 15:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

- C. The danger of the waiting room
 - They assumed that God forgot about them so they took matters into their hands
- D. The hardest part of waiting isn't waiting

The consequences of not waiting are often more difficult than the waiting.

III. HE'S IN THE WAITING

- A. Hindsight is 20/20
- B. The truth is – God doesn't overlook His people



C. While you're waiting

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NKJV) ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,
³¹ **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.**

- **Wait** carries two ideas
 - The literal meaning means "to bind together like a cord"
 - The figurative means "to wait, to hope, to expect it conveys anticipation"

D. Here's the key to this verse

Psalms 37:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—*it* only causes harm.