



# Waiting and Readiness - Part 1: From Waiting to Fulfillment

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## Intro

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Waiting can feel like silence, but in God's Kingdom, it's often preparation. This teaching walks through the stories of Mary, Joseph, Moses, David, and more, those who endured long seasons of obscurity, pain, or delay before stepping suddenly into divine fulfillment. If you've ever felt stuck between promise and reality, this message will anchor you in hope: God's timing isn't just right, it's perfect. And when the time comes, He moves swiftly through those who waited faithfully.

## My Intention and Assumptions

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I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

## About the Author

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## God's Perfect Timing and Humble Vessels

Waiting is often one of the hardest things we face in life. Whether we're waiting for a breakthrough, an answer to prayer, or the fulfillment of a promise, it can feel like God is silent or distant. Yet, throughout Scripture, we see a different narrative. The Bible is full of stories where God turns long seasons of waiting into moments of rapid fulfillment; often using the most humble and unexpected people to accomplish His purposes.

Think of Mary, a young, ordinary girl from Nazareth, who was chosen to carry the Savior of the world. After 4,000 years of anticipation for the Messiah, God fulfilled His promise through her in just nine months. Or consider Joseph, who endured years of slavery and imprisonment, only to see God elevate him to a position of power in a single day.

These stories remind us of an essential truth: God's timing is always perfect, and His plans often unfold in ways we could never predict.

The purpose of this teaching is to explore the transformative power of waiting on God and how He uses humble vessels to fulfill His divine purposes. Through biblical examples, we will uncover how seasons of preparation, even those marked by struggle and delay, are part of God's plan to bring about rapid and extraordinary fulfillment. This message is an invitation to trust His timing, embrace humility, and recognize that the most significant breakthroughs often come when we least expect them.

By the end, my hope is that you'll see your waiting not as a delay, but as a preparation, and understand that God is working even in the silence. And when the time is right, He will move swiftly, using you as a vessel for His glory.

## 1. Mary: The Ultimate Example of a Humble Vessel

- **Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38
- **Key Points:**
  - Mary was a young, ordinary girl from an unremarkable town (Nazareth).

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- She had no status, wealth, or power; yet God chose her to carry the Savior of the world.
  - In nine months, the Messiah, long-awaited for centuries, was born through her obedience and humility.
  - **Reflection:** This story reminds us that God often chooses the unlikely and unqualified to accomplish extraordinary things, showing His power through their willingness.
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### 2. Moses: Forty Years of Waiting, One Moment of Calling

- **Scripture:** Exodus 3:1-12
  - **Key Points:**
    - Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness tending sheep after fleeing Egypt, likely believing his time for purpose had passed.
    - In a single encounter with God at the burning bush, his entire trajectory changed.
    - God used Moses, a fugitive and reluctant leader, to deliver Israel after centuries of slavery.
  - **Reflection:** Long seasons of preparation often feel like waiting, but God can move quickly when the time is right.
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### 3. David: From Anointed to King

- **Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:11-13; 2 Samuel 5:3-4
- **Key Points:**
  - David was anointed king as a young shepherd, the youngest and least likely among his brothers.
  - He spent years facing hardship; serving Saul, hiding in caves, and enduring persecution; before ascending the throne.
  - When the time came, the transition to his kingship over all Israel was swift, fulfilling God's promise.

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- **Reflection:** Even in seasons of obscurity, God is working to prepare His chosen vessels for sudden moments of fulfillment.
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### 4. Esther: A Queen for "Such a Time as This"

- **Scripture:** Esther 4:13-17
  - **Key Points:**
    - Esther, an orphan and a member of an oppressed minority, became queen of Persia through circumstances only God could orchestrate.
    - For years, her purpose was hidden, but in one pivotal moment, she was positioned to save her people from destruction.
    - Her courage and obedience led to the rapid unfolding of God's plan.
  - **Reflection:** God uses humble people in unexpected roles to bring His plans to fruition, often at the perfect moment.
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### 5. Joseph: From Prison to Power

- **Scripture:** Genesis 41:14-46
  - **Key Points:**
    - Joseph endured years of betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment, all while clinging to the dreams God had given him.
    - In one day, he went from prisoner to prime minister, overseeing the fulfillment of God's plan to save Egypt and his own family.
  - **Reflection:** God's timing is perfect, and seasons of waiting often lead to dramatic, transformative fulfillment.
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### 6. The Israelites: From 400 Years of Silence to John the Baptist

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- **Scripture:** Luke 1:5-17
  - **Key Points:**
    - After 400 years of prophetic silence, God used John the Baptist, the son of elderly, barren parents, to prepare the way for Jesus.
    - Zechariah and Elizabeth's long wait for a child culminated in the birth of the one who would herald the Messiah.
  - **Reflection:** God often uses those who have endured long waits to usher in pivotal moments in His redemptive plan.
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### 7. Ruth: A Story of Redemption and Legacy

- **Scripture:** Ruth 1-4
  - **Key Points:**
    - Ruth, a Moabite widow, left her homeland to serve her mother-in-law Naomi and align herself with Israel's God.
    - Through her humility and faithfulness, she became part of the lineage of Christ, fulfilling God's long-term plan for redemption.
  - **Reflection:** Small acts of obedience and faith during uncertain times can lead to roles in God's greater story.
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### 8. The Disciples: Ordinary Men Turned World-Changers

- **Scripture:** Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:1-4
- **Key Points:**
  - The disciples were ordinary fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots, who spent three years with Jesus in preparation.
  - At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered them, and in one day, the Church was born, fulfilling centuries of prophecy.
- **Reflection:** God transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary through the power of His Spirit.

### 9. Hannah: A Long Wait for a World-Changing Son

- **Scripture:** 1 Samuel 1:9-20
  - **Key Points:**
    - Hannah endured years of barrenness and heartbreak, crying out to God for a child.
    - Her son Samuel became one of Israel's greatest prophets, anointing David as king and guiding the nation.
  - **Reflection:** The fulfillment of God's promises often follows seasons of deep longing and dependence on Him.
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### 10. Jesus Himself: Thirty Years for Three

- **Scripture:** Luke 3:23; John 2:1-11
- **Key Points:**
  - Jesus lived in obscurity for 30 years before His ministry began, performing His first miracle at the wedding in Cana.
  - In three short years, He accomplished the redemption of the world.
- **Reflection:** Even the Son of God submitted to seasons of preparation, showing us the value of waiting on God's timing.

### Key Takeaways:

1. **God Uses the Humble:** From Mary to Moses to Ruth, God chooses those who seem least qualified to demonstrate His power.
2. **Long Seasons Lead to Rapid Fulfillment:** God's promises often require preparation, but when the time comes, He moves quickly and decisively.

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- 3. Faith and Obedience Are Essential:** In every story, those who experienced fulfillment trusted God, even when the wait was long or the circumstances seemed impossible.