

WEEK 5: Waiting/Anticipating

We live in seasons of waiting/anticipating because the Kingdom of God is both _____ and _____.

For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Romans 8:22-25 (NLT)

How we wait with eager hope:

1. We _____. (Past)

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember and trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalms 20:7 (AMP)

2. We _____. (Present)

...Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

Romans 5:3-5 (TPT)

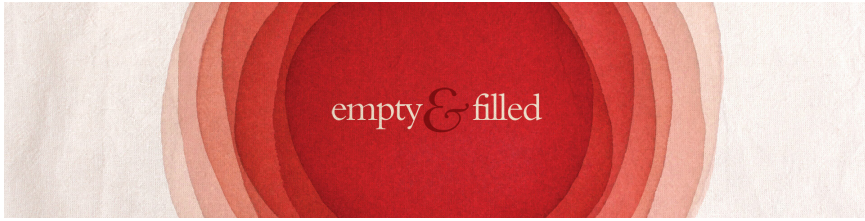
3. We _____. (Future)

Discussion Questions:

1. What have you been looking forward to over this past year, but have had to wait for its arrival?
2. How have you experienced this season of waiting?
3. What spiritual practices can you commit to this Lent that will help you "wait with eager hope"?

Recommended Resources:

- *On Waiting Well: Moving from Endurance to Enjoyment When You're Waiting on God*, by Bradley Baurain
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