

MESSAGE NOTES

ANTICIPATION

JOY IN THE WAITING

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ANTICIPATION REQUIRES INVESTMENT & PURSUIT

4 takeaways:

1. I will pursue Jesus with my mind (2:1-6)
2. I will pursue Jesus with my time (2:7, 16)
3. I will pursue Jesus with my resources (2:9-11)
4. I will pursue Jesus with my heart (2:11-12)

the one thing:

Will you pursue Jesus?

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

TAKING IT HOME NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

- 1 **KEEPING IT REAL**
Sometimes anticipation involves waiting and sometimes it requires going. Which is harder for you and why?
- 2 **LOOK AT THE BOOK**
Abraham was called to go as he anticipated God's blessing. Read Genesis 12:1-7. What does God tell Abraham to do? What were the promised blessings? How would you respond to a similar call from God? How did Abraham?
- 3 Abraham was also called to just wait. Read Genesis 21:1-5 and Romans 4:18-25. How long was Abraham's wait for Isaac to be born? How did Issac fit into God's promised blessings? What were those blessings for him and us? How would you handle a similar long wait?
- 4 **THE NEXT STEP**
In this season, many are waiting, hoping for a long-delayed blessing: a relationship to be healed, salvation for a loved one, return of a prodigal, physical healing, a change of circumstance. How is God calling you to wait or go at this time? What can you learn from Abraham's example of faithful living in anticipation? (for more of Abraham's story check out Genesis 12- 22).

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Jeremiah 29:13.
- Evaluate your pursuit of Jesus...and act upon it!
- Sign up for *Community Bible Experience*.
- Other _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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