**While We Wait… *Walking***

**Luke 19:11-13** While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' NIV

***Our Mission at Journey…*** *Helping each other take the next step on our journey with Christ.*

**Eph 4:11-13** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. NIV

**Ps 37:3-4** Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. NIV

**Depend**

* You can depend on it… God works while we wait.

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**2 Cor 12:7-9** To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." NIV

**Depend**

* You can depend on it… God sometimes waits on purpose.

**John 11:4-6** When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. NIV

**Do**

* In our waiting, God has work for us to do.

**Ps 37:3** Trust in the LORD and do good…

**Gal 6:9-10** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. NIV

**Do**

* As we wait, we should walk on purpose.

**Eph 2:10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. NIV

**Delight**

* Waiting can remind us where true delight comes from.

**Ps 37:3-4** Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. NIV

**Deut 8:2-3** Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. NIV

**Delight**

* To walk in delight, we need the right determination.

**Ps. 37:4** Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. NIV

**Ps 51:12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. NIV

**Ps 40:1-3** I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. NIV