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In Times Of Delay

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We Need Hope Because “Where There Is No Faith In The Future, There Is No Power In The Present.”

The Anchor Of Hope Is To Know God

The Answer To Hopelessness Is God

The Reason To Keep On Keeping On: GOD WILL COME THROUGH
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THOSE WHO WILL BE USED OF GOD ARE ALWAYS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TRUST AND PROVEN THEMSELVES FAITHFUL

FAITHFULNESS does not doubt God—His salvation, provision, or strength to help.

FAITHFULNESS does not LET UP or GIVE UP.

FAITHFULNESS does not give in to TEMPTATIONS or TOUGH TIMES.

FAITHFULNESS begins with God and continues with God.
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Faithfulness Is A Key To A Willingness To Wait On God For The Promises & Dreams We Have Been Given From Him To Be Fulfilled

Often The Waiting Is The Hardest Thing To Do

At Times We Are Given Promises From God But Not The Fulfillment -- So We Must Learn To Wait!
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Quite Often The It Is In The Family Where We See This Area Of Delayed Promises And Dreams In Life

- We Know What God Has Promised

- We Know What His Word Has Said

- We Are Believing For Things To Be Different

And Yet, We Must Wait
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WHAT IS A FAMILY?

- A family is not simply a group of people dwelling under one roof, bearing the same name.

- A family can have a variety of compositions.

- A family is not simply people, but a spirit of oneness.

- A spirit produced through living life together.
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In The Family We Learn The Difference Between A House And A Home

Carpenters, masons, electricians, and plumbers can build you a house -- Only you and yours — YOUR FAMILY -- can build a home

A Home Is Where The Family Resides
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The Family Is The Basic Place Where The Nurturing Of Faith Takes Place -- The Importance Of The Family Cannot Be Overstated

No Church, Nation, Or Civilization Rises Higher Than The Spirit Of Faith And Worship That Prevails In The Home Life Of Its People.

If We Don’t Build On Homes On The Unshifting Sands Of Jesus Christ The Future Of Our Nation Is Bleak And Will Be Short-Lived.
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The Family Is The Unit Of Living That God Designed & Created To:
Combat Loneliness & Promote Life In Relationship
Build Future Generations
Hand Down Truth From Parents To Children
From Our Children To Their Children
To Foster & Develop God’s Plan For Those Who Are His

In The Home We Can Instill Life-changing Principles That Will Become
Bedrock Foundation-Stones That Believers Can Build Upon

We Hear Great Truths At Church -- But We Implement And Bring
Them To Life In The Home And Family
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Today: The First Family Of Israel--Jacob And His Sons (Joseph)

A Picture Of A Dream Delayed For A Son –
And A Dream That Died For A Dad
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Families Are Fractured Because Of:

Disinterest
Dishonor
Dishonesty

Displacement: Due to Jealousy, Rage, Anger, Retribution

Many Families Today Are Fractured

This Proliferation Of Fractured Families Will Negatively Impact The Church & The Nation
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**READ Genesis 37:1-11**

Joseph's story in Genesis is a Biblical picture of what God can do in fractured family relationships when one family member is yielded to God.

In Genesis Chapters 39 And 41 We Learn Of Joseph's Faithfulness And His Upright & Ongoing Walk With The Lord

He Trusted In God When Everyone Else Had Failed Him
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Because Joseph Was Faithful – He Enjoyed Fruitfulness And Favor

He Started In A Pit – He Was Elevated To A Palace

When Pharaoh Has A Dream He Can’t Understand—Joseph Is Given The Full Interpretation --There Would Be 7 Good Years And 7 Bad Years For Egypt

Joseph Led Pharaoh To Save Provisions During The 7 Years Of Plenty So That They Would Have It During The 7 Years Of Famine
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In Genesis Chapter 42 --Joseph’s Dream Was Realized In A Way No One Could Conceive

His Brothers Came Looking For Food And Bowed Down To Him Not Knowing That It Was Their Brother That They Were Honoring – It Was Just As His Dream Had Said

God Is Awesome! When He Gives A Dream -- He Can Work Things Out To Bring It To Fruition
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Through A Series Of Events It Works Out That All Of His Brothers Bow Before Joseph And Ask Him For Food And Favor

Read: Genesis 42:6-23
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Later -- We Find Joseph's Response To His Family:
By An Act Of His Will, He Chose To:

▪ Be Giving
▪ Be Forgiving
▪ Be Honoring
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In Genesis Chapter 50 -- Joseph's Response To God

Joseph Chose To Focus Not On The Harm They Had Intended For Him, But On The Good God Intended For Them All

Joseph's Attitude Toward God Was To:

- Be Willing
- Be Persevering
- Be Faithful
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The Message To Those With Delays And Detours
Don't Be a Prisoner of Your Past!

Like Joseph -- Choose To Have God's Mind-Set Toward Those Who Have Injured You.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good. ..."
(Genesis 50:20)
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God Can Use Your "Mess" To Become Your “Message”
He Can Use Your "Test" To Become Your “Testimony”


"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
(Romans 8:28)

Biblical Counseling Keys. June Hunt
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Jacob’s Reaction To The Dream

He Didn’t Understand It (It Wasn’t His Dream)

He Couldn’t Comprehend It --His First Reaction Was Rebuke

While His Sons Were Jealous Of Joseph, Jacob (Father) Listened, Thought About It, And Kept It In His Mind
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READ Genesis 45:3-11
READ Genesis 45:25-28

(27) But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. (28) And Israel said, "I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

When Your Family Is Fractured -- God Can Restore And Revive It
When Your Dream Has Died -- God Can Bring It Back To Life
When God Gives A Dream His Delays Are Not Denials:

Great Things May Take A While

The Process Will Often Determine The End Product

The Hardest Thing To Learn Is To Wait

Lord, Teach Us To Wait!
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.
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**WAIT** = To Remain In A State Of Readiness & Expectation. (Hope)

No Matter What You Are Facing, Wait On The Lord And Look To Him For Strength To Conquer Life’s Challenges!  

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If Your Dream Is Slow In Showing Up -- Wait For The Lord
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God Can Bring It To Pass!

God’s not on "human standard time"
He is eternal
He is not in a hurry
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God Always Answers Our Prayers:
"Yes - Now Is The Time,"
"No - I Have A Better Way,"
"Wait - I Will Answer In My Perfect Time"

Our Response To God:
Persevere In Prayer
Don’t Give Up
God Will Answer You
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Those That Wait Will Receive What Has Been Promised

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)  
35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.  
36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.
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Those That Wait Are Heard

Psalm 40:1 (NIV) ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
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Those That Wait Are Blessed

**Isaiah 30:18 (NIV)** 18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. *Blessed are all who wait for him!*
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Those That Wait Experience His Goodness

Lamentations 3:25 (NKJV) 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.
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Those That Wait Will Not Be Ashamed

Psalm 25:3 (NKJV)  

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
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Those That Wait Will Renew Their Strength

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV) 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. Shall inherit the earth
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Those That Wait Will Be Delivered

Proverbs 20:22 (NIV) 22 Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" *Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.*
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Those That Wait Will Be Glad and Rejoice In Salvation

Isaiah 25:9 (NKJV)  

⁹ And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."
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Those That Wait Will See God Act On Their Behalf

Isaiah 64:4 (NIV)  

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
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Wait On The Lord And Hold On To Your Dream Because God Can & Will Bring It To Pass