

Remnant Life Church
December 8, 2013
“Preparing for the Coming of the King”
Part 2
Active Waiting
Genesis 39 - 41

1. Series overview
 - a. Preparing for the coming of the King
 - i. Righteous – how we act
 - ii. Doing the right thing in spite of how it feels knowing that it pleases God
 - b. Preparing means that it has not yet occurred
 - c. It involves waiting
2. NOBODY likes to wait
 - a. 45-62 minutes every day
 - b. Lifetime – red lights - 6 mths; in lines – 2-3 years
3. The question is not will you have to wait – everyone does in virtually every situation
 - a. The question is how will you wait
 - b. Also what will do with that time you are waiting
 - c. Prayer always involves one of three answers – yes; no; wait (not yet)
 - d. Waiting should not always be equated with inactivity – especially for a Christian
4. Joseph
 - a. Synopsis of his life
 - b. He endured many times of waiting all the while knowing that where he was at that time was not right or fair to him
 - i. Sold into slavery at approximately the age of 17
 - ii. Served Potiphar for about 10-11 years
 - iii. Was in prison for about 2-3 years
 - iv. Became Vizier (Prime Minister) of Egypt at the age of 30
 - v. Did not see his brothers until age 39 (the fulfillment of the first dream)
 - vi. Another 2 years till his entire family joined him (fulfillment of the second dream)
 - vii. Could you wait for a promise or something to come to pass for 13 years without wavering?
5. As I prepare for the coming of the King (Jesus) how do I actively wait well?
 - a. Everything I do is focused on pleasing God
 - i. Knowing God’s Word
 - ii. Righteous behavior
 - iii. Recognizing and not giving in to temptations
 - b. Don’t allow the circumstances to control behavior
 - i. Joseph did so well in his times of waiting that he was promoted and spread God’s blessings everywhere he was

- ii. He always did his best regardless of his surroundings
 1. How many times have you “mailed it in?”
 2. Everything I do is to the glory of God
 3. **I Cor. 10:31** - ...*whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*
 4. Draw closer to God – not angry or pouting because you are not getting your way
 5. **Heb 7:19** - ...*a better hope (who is Jesus) is introduced, by which we draw near to God.*

- c. Be trustworthy in what you do while waiting
 - i. Joseph was entrusted with the care of Potiphar’s house, the entire jail, all its prisoners and finally all of Egypt.
 - ii. Luke 19 the parable of the 10 servants
 1. **Luke 19:17** - *‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’*
 2. God will promote those who He can trust

- d. Realize that you will always have a choice in how you wait not only for the coming of the King but whatever prayer is answered with “not yet”
 - i. Jesus told the disciples that they would all fall away from Him – **Matt. 26:31**
 - ii. Many people get tired of waiting and will take matters into their own hands losing many times God’s best for them
 - iii. Stay the course but be active in the things of God while you wait!