

JESUS IS WAITING

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Vision: Manifesting
Christ in Many Ways
to Many People

John 20:24-28 NLT – One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” 26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” 28 “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

It was not the power of God that turned Thomas’ heart; it was the patience of God.

1) God Is Patient Because He Loves You.

It is one thing to believe that God loved you so much He forgave your past; it is a whole other thing to believe that God still loves you in your present dysfunctions, but He does.

Christ is born at night. And Christ is raised back to life while it was still dark. In Jesus, a new day begins in the darkest of moments!

God is relentless. He won’t make you follow Him, but He is not going to stop following you.

2) God Is Patient Because He Has A Plan For You.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT – For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Revelation 3:20 NLT – “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

The door of the heart only opens from the inside.

Isaiah 9:6 NLT – For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders, And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS), GO (OUTREACH)**

**SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER- 9A + 11A -THE WAITING ROOM
AN ADVENT SERIES**

As painful as it is for all of us, the truth of life is that we spend a lot of time waiting. Waiting to get married. Waiting for the birth of a child. Waiting for Christmas morning to come. For many, Christmas means overstuffed schedules, credit card debt, and skyrocketing stress. We struggle to find the connection between our holiday to-do lists and the story of Jesus' birth. Those who were originally waiting for the birth of the Messiah waited for centuries. This month we are going to examine the struggle and beauty of the wait. In fact, it's often where God does His very best work!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24- 3P + 4:30P - CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT GATHERING**

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Groups meet all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR
WINTER SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES**

Sign up now at the Next Steps table to join us for our Winter Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO
SERVE IN THE COMING WEEKS.**

If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com