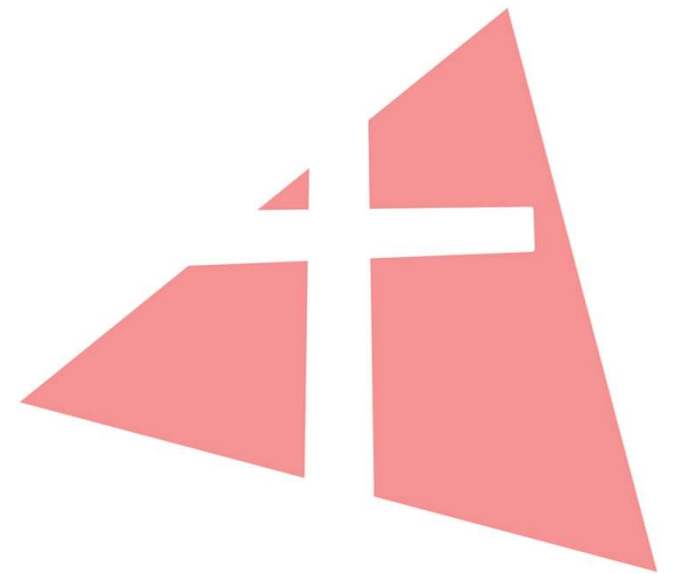


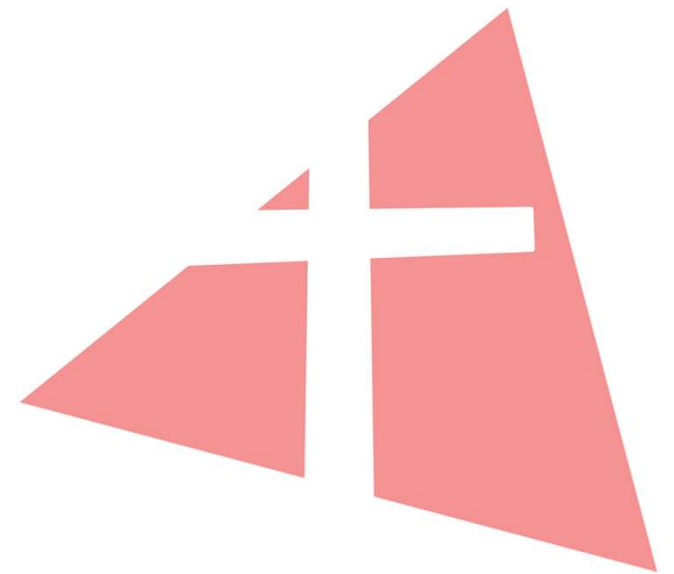
Faith and Waiting

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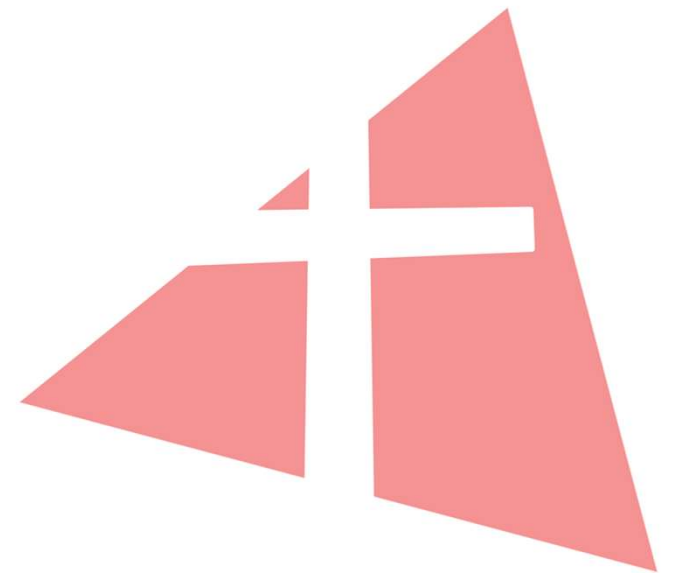
Our Series

○ Faith



Today's Focus

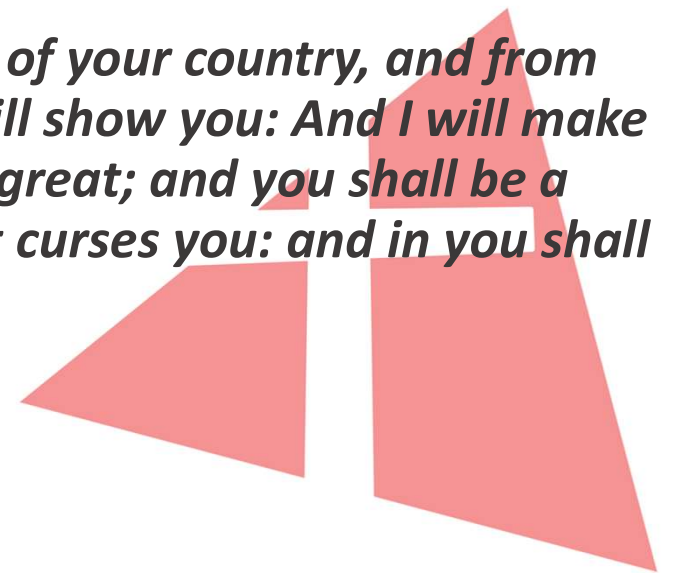
- **Faith and Waiting**



Some of the heroes of Faith

- Abraham had to wait for many years for God's promise to be fulfilled

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a land that I will show you: And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

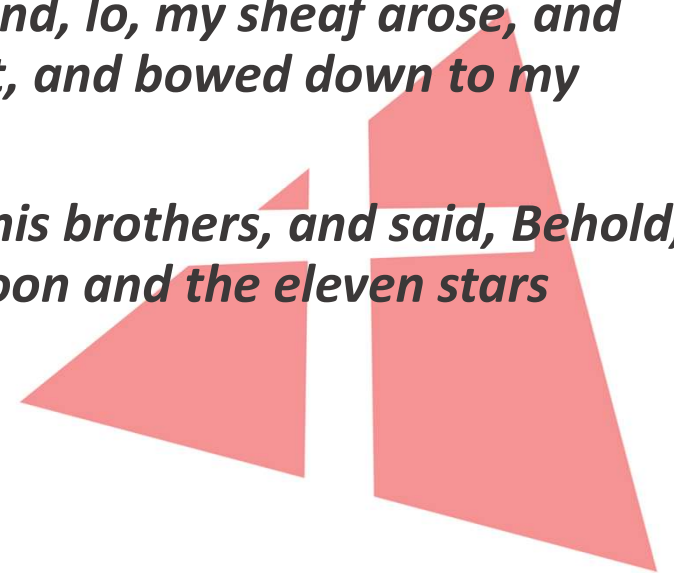


Some of the heroes of Faith

- Joseph waited for many years to be the ruler God promised him to become

Genesis 37:7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and bowed down to my sheaf.

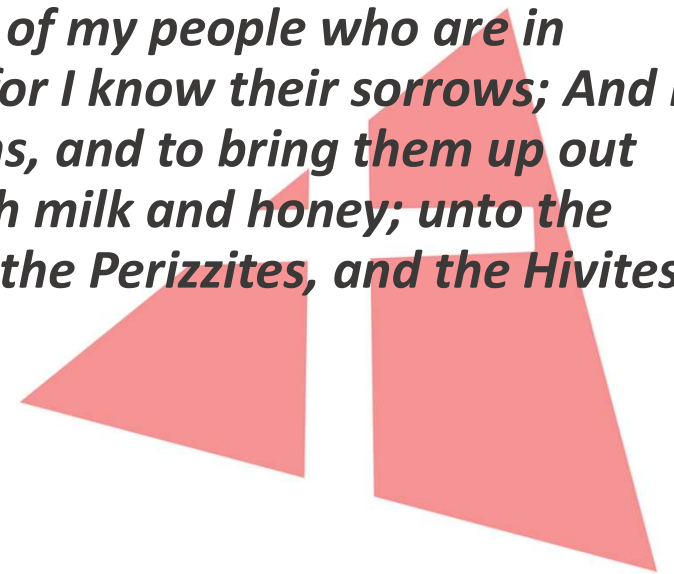
Genesis 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me.



Some of the heroes of Faith

- Moses had to go to Pharaoh many times before the Israelites were freed from Egypt

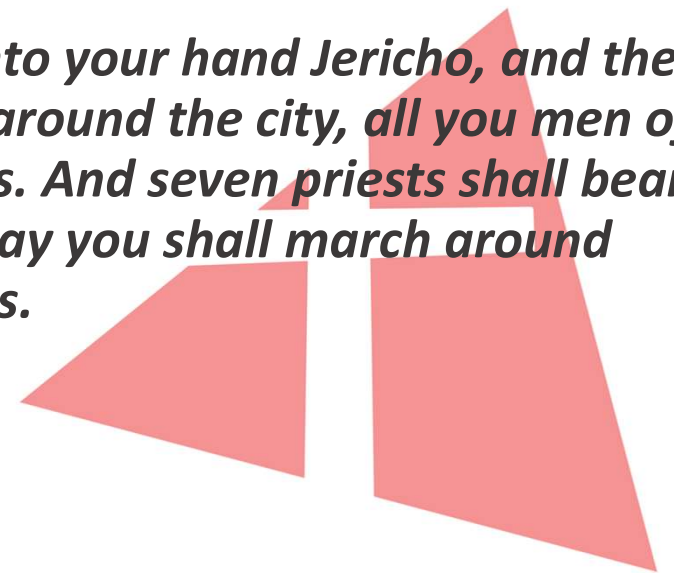
Exodus 3:7-8 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good and large land, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.



Joshua

- The Israelites had to walk around Jericho for a whole week before the walls fell

Joshua 6:2-4 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. And you shall march around the city, all you men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shall you do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

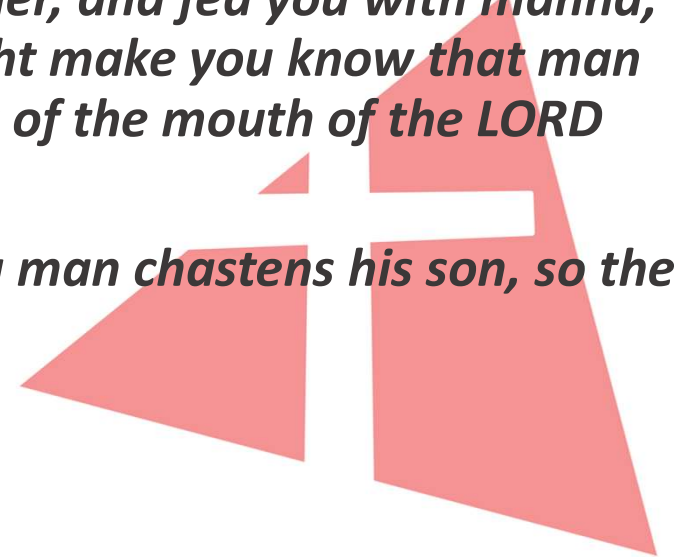


The nation of Israel

- Had to walk in the wilderness for 40 years

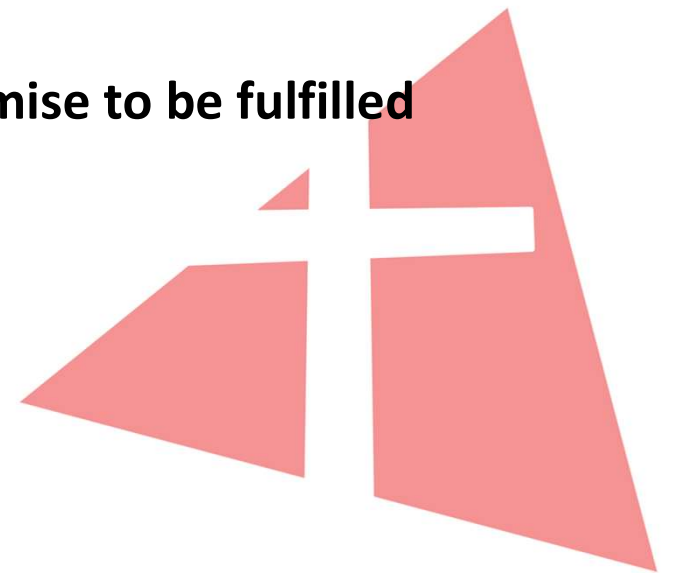
Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD does man live.

Deuteronomy 8:5 You shall also consider in your heart, that, as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.



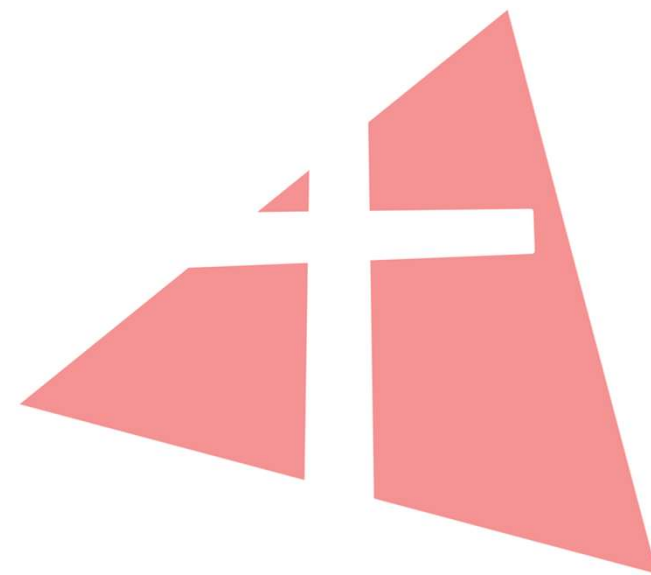
A Biblical principle

- Many people of Faith had to wait for a long time for their promise to be fulfilled



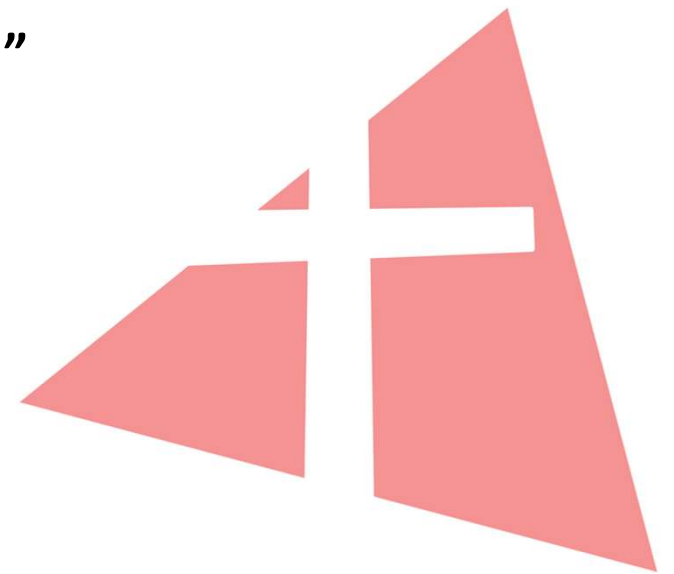
Why does God often keep us waiting?

- **God wants to grow our Faith**



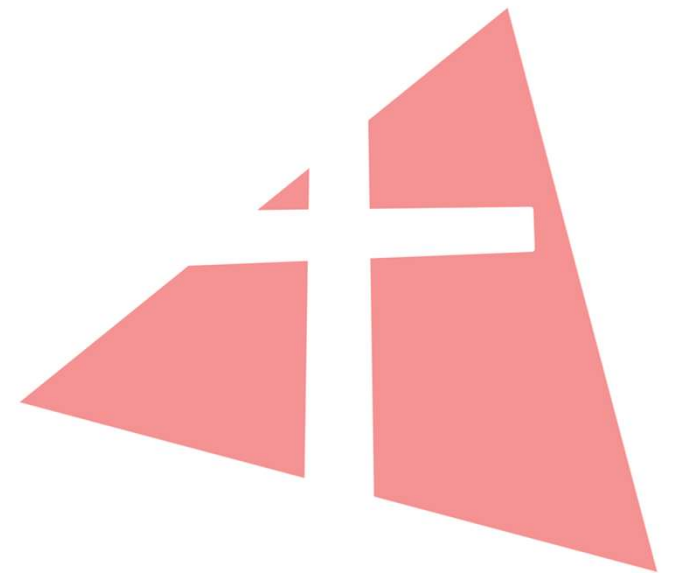
What do we focus on?

- **God's primary goal is not for to "feel comfortable in this world"**
- **God's primary goal is to prepare us for eternity**



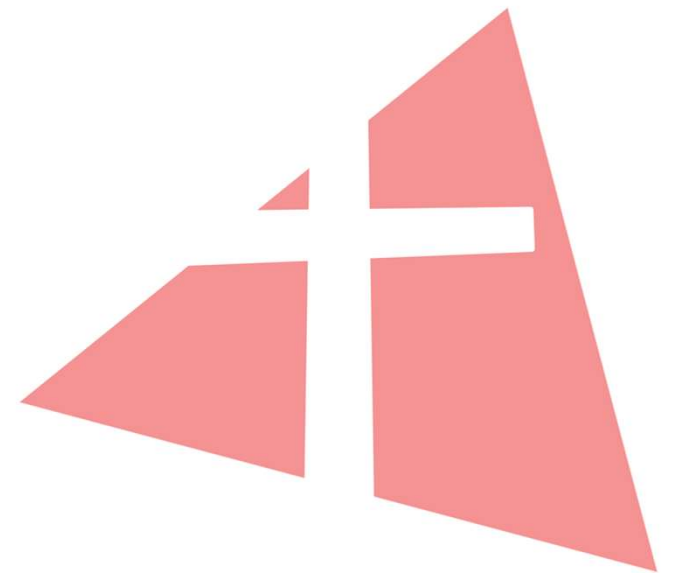
A personal story

- **Our apartment hunt when we moved to Munich**



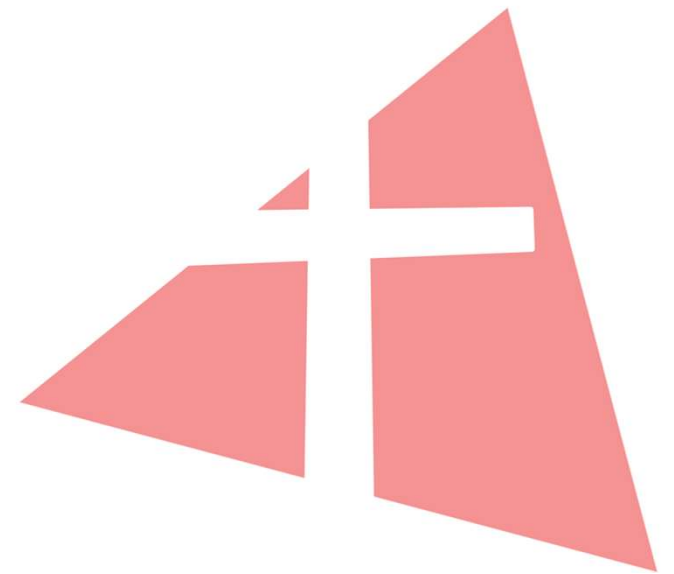
An element of the Fruit of the Spirit

- **Patience**
 - Evidence of Faith



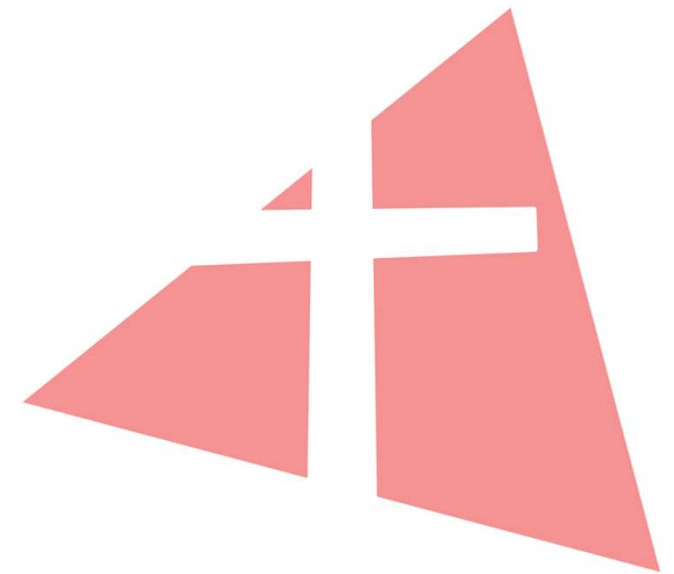
Our Choice

- **When we are waiting, we have a choice**
- **Wrong choice**
 - We can complain
 - We can seek the missing comfort somewhere else



Our Choice

- **When we are waiting, we have a choice**
- **The right choice**
 - We can examine ourselves
 - We can wait patiently and allow God to grow our Faith



Closing questions

- **Where am I waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled in my life?**
- **How am I responding to "having to wait"?**

