



Make it Plain

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Every one of us has broken places shaped by our past, our experiences, and the patterns we have carried. God doesn't want us building our lives from those wounds - He wants to heal us first. When we allow God to restore us, we become better able to hear His voice and follow His direction.

God has a vision and purpose for our lives, but His plans often require patience. The waiting season is not wasted; it is where God builds our faith, develops our character, and prepares us for what He has promised. Delay does not mean denial—it means God is still working.

Our role is to remain faithful while we wait. As we continue seeking God, obeying His Word, serving others, and trusting His timing, we can be confident that God is preparing us for everything He has planned.

OPEN IN PRAYER

God, thank You for having a purpose and plan for our lives. Help us recognize the areas where we need healing, hear Your voice clearly, and trust Your timing. Teach us to remain faithful while we wait and prepare our hearts for all You have ahead. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

What is something you had to wait for that ended up being worth the wait?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Healing Before Building

God wants to heal the broken places in our lives before we build from them. Our past, family patterns, and experiences can influence how we see ourselves and make decisions.

Read Psalm 147:3.

- What are some “broken places” that can affect the way people approach life, relationships, or decisions?
- Is there an area where God may be inviting you into healing?
- How can healing change the way we move forward?

2. Seeking God’s Vision

A good idea is not always a God idea. We need God’s direction to build a life that reflects His purpose.

Read Proverbs 29:18 and Jeremiah 33:3.

- How do you recognize the difference between your own thoughts and God’s leading?
- What area of your life do you need God’s vision or direction right now?
- What would change if you trusted God’s blueprint instead of your own plan?

3. Trusting God in the Waiting

There is often a gap between God’s promise and its fulfillment. God uses that waiting season to grow us and prepare us.

Read Habakkuk 2:3.

- Why is waiting such a difficult season for many people?
- Have you ever tried to rush God’s timing? What did you learn?
- How can we remind ourselves that delay is not denial?

4. Remaining Faithful While You Wait

Faith is continuing to trust and obey God even when we do not see the outcome yet.

Read Hebrews 10:35-36.

- What does faithfulness look like during a waiting season?
- What is something God has already asked you to do that you need to continue being faithful in?



- How can staying connected through prayer, community, worship, and serving help us endure the wait?

PERSONAL/GROUP CHALLENGE

Spend time this week asking God:

“What are You healing in me? What are You preparing me for? And how can I remain faithful while I wait?”

Choose one step:

- Surrender an area where you have been trying to control the outcome.
- Spend intentional time seeking God’s direction.
- Take a step toward serving, growing, or building community.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You for working in every season of our lives. Help us trust Your process, receive Your direction, and remain faithful while we wait. Heal what needs to be healed, strengthen our faith, and prepare us for everything You have planned. Amen.

