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Sermon Worksheet For Small Groups Or Individual Devotions

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Sermon Topic: With Wings Like Eagles

Text: Isaiah 40:28-30

GROUP DISCUSSION: Can you think of a time in your life when you found it extremely difficult to wait for something? How did it make you feel?

PERSONAL REFLECTION: How has waiting helped you to grow as a Christian?

1. Pastor Vern said in his sermon that, "Our microwave get-it-in-an-instance society has spoiled us rotten...It has spoiled us when it comes to waiting for bigger things?" In what ways do you think we have become spoiled as a society?

2. Israel had been in captivity for 70 years before going back home. Can you imagine waiting, hoping, trusting and believing for 70 years? Do you think if you had to wait like Israel it would change your belief about God?

3. One of the reasons we find waiting so difficult is because we tend to equate waiting and delay with God not hearing our prayer. This mindset often carries over into our spiritual lives. As a Christian, do we dishonor God by not waiting?

4. Most Christians want God to move in their timeframe. What are the problems that occur when we try to place God on a timeframe?

5. God knows our situation. Sometimes God says yes, no, or wait. In our patience we possess our soul. Why do you think God sometimes responds this way?

6. Noah waited 40 days and nights, Joseph waited 13 years, Abraham waited 25 years, Moses waited 40 years, and Jesus waited 30 years. These and others waited. What do you think "the Lord will renew their strength" means when it comes to waiting?

7. How can waiting transform our character while building intimacy and dependency upon God?

8. Why do you think the writer used metaphor of the Eagle in today's text?

9. As Christians, how can we help those who are new to the faith learn that waiting on God isn't a bad thing?

10. What have you learned from this sermon and lesson?