

S E R M O N O U T L I N E

2-PART SERIES

WAITING AND WATCHING

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1. RESTORE US AGAIN!

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we were like those who dreamed.
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our tongues with songs of joy.
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and we are filled with joy.
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carrying seed to sow,
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carrying sheaves with them.

PSALM 126

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¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

JAMES 1

#2. PRAYER FOR THE PRESENT

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#3. PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

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²² 'As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.'

GENESIS 8

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 40 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Looking back at your own life, when has God “restored your fortunes” in a way that filled you with joy and hope? How can remembering that season strengthen your faith now?**
- 2. In your current situation, what might “sowing in tears” look like for you? What steps of faith can you take today even when the outcome is not yet visible?**
- 3. How can we as a community encourage each other to keep sowing faithfully and waiting actively for God’s timing, especially during seasons of delay or difficulty?**