

SERMON NOTE:

WHEN FAITH GETS HARD

WEEK 1 — WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER RIGHT AWAY?

Psalm 13:1–6

BIG IDEA

WAITING IS NOT WASTED WHEN GOD IS FORMING YOU IN THE PROCESS.

CRY

Tell God the truth.

You don't have to pretend.

God can handle your questions, disappointment, grief, and uncertainty.

Don't let disappointment become distance.

REMEMBER

Look backward when you can't see forward.

Remember God's:

Provision • Protection • Grace • Presence • Faithfulness

Your unanswered prayer does not erase God's previous faithfulness.

TRUST

You don't have to understand everything to trust God.

Faith can say:

I hurt — but God is faithful.

I don't understand — but God is faithful.

I'm waiting — but God is faithful.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIONS

DECLARATION

I may not know when.
I may not understand why.
But I know Who I trust.
God is faithful while I wait.

SEED

Encourage someone who is waiting.

Be present before trying to provide answers.

STEP

Write down:

ONE prayer you're still waiting on.

Then write:

THREE ways God has already been faithful.

Return to that page throughout the week.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What might God be forming in me while I wait?

REMEMBER

WAITING WITH GOD IS DIFFERENT FROM WAITING WITHOUT HOPE.