

# VINEYARD church

## PRAYER & FASTING

### DAY 12

#### **Scripture Focus**

*Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*

– Psalm 27:14 (NLT)

#### **Waiting in God's Presence**

In the fall of 2019, my husband and I found out we were expecting our first child. We were so excited and full of wonder about what it would be like to welcome a little one into our family. Unfortunately, soon after, I experienced a miscarriage, which was devastating.

In the weeks following that experience, I went to God both with my pain and with my questions. I spent a lot of time listening to worship music and trying to receive comfort in his presence and asking him what his plan was for our family.

Several months later, we found out we were expecting again, however, this time there was a new fear that hadn't been there before. As I waited and walked through that pregnancy, my joy had a twinge of "what if" and I had to ask God to help me be brave and hopeful no matter what was to come. My previous experience of him bringing comfort through loss helped me to trust him as I waited.

#### **Do I have fear or courage as I wait?**

Life brings many seasons of unpredictability. The reality of waiting patiently for God's will to be done is not always easy and there's no guarantee of what outcome we'll see. What this scripture shows, though, is that despite not knowing the timing or outcome, we can wait with courage. Some translations of this verse say, "be strong and don't lose hope." We can have hope and wait courageously because we know that God is with us in the waiting always working his plan out for our good. Sometimes the waiting is right where we need to be so we can fully experience and surrender to God's presence.

Are there any areas of your life in which you're waiting impatiently or in fear instead of in courage and hope? Take some time today to ask God to meet with you and give you his courage and his patience in the waiting.

#### **Prayer**

*Lord, thank you that you are with me in the waiting, leading and guiding me always. In any areas where I have fear or doubt as I wait, I ask for you to fill me with your courage and hope instead. As I choose to wait patiently in this season and in future seasons of my life, would you please show me how you're working even if you don't reveal the full picture all at once. Thank you for what I learn in the waiting. Amen.*

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