

AMEN

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Message Notes And Highlights

- P.R.A.Y. - P = Pause. Intentionally pause each day to meet with God.
- R = Reflect. Reflect on who you're talking to, his goodness, his greatness, his character.
- A = Ask. Ask for what you need—it builds your relationship with God.
- Y = Yield.
- No one likes being on hold.
- Not knowing how long things are going to stay that way, and when something else gets what I've been waiting for—these in combination with unanswered prayer can push us over the edge.
- In the story of Abram and Sara (Genesis 15 and 16), they have to wait 25 years for a baby. Their frustration leads to bad decisions.
- The moment you allow your emotions to turn into a belief, your decisions are in danger.
- You can have a valid emotion; you can't let it lead to an invalid belief.
- Some of our biggest regrets come when we try to take matters into our own hands.
- When you feel like you're on hold, the best thing you can do is hold on.
- Sometimes, you're asking for the wrong thing. Examine what you're asking for.
- Sometimes, the timing is wrong. Hold on and trust God's timing.
- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." | Isaiah 55, vv.8-9
- Sometimes, we're wrong. Our relationship with God needs to be fixed.
- But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. | Isaiah 59, v.2
- Sometimes, it's prayerlessness, an unresolved relational conflict, or an uncaring attitude.
- If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard. | Proverbs 21, v.13
- Don't lose heart. Keep praying.



Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any unanswered prayers you're waiting on, or have you had any that went unanswered for a long time?
 2. What do you usually feel and experience in response to having to wait a long time to hear from God in response to a prayer?
 3. "You can have a valid emotion; you can't let it lead to an invalid belief." Has this ever happened to you—a valid emotion leading you into an invalid belief? What happened?
 4. What would help you "hold on" as you wait on God's timing or to hear from God?
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