

**May 14, 2023**

“Faith in the Waiting”  
Hebrews 11:11-16; Genesis 15-18; 21

**Big Idea:** Setting my heart on God’s faithfulness empowers me to persevere for God’s purposes

While I’m Waiting (Hebrews 11:11-16; Genesis 15-18; 21):

- 1) Am I fighting for control with God or surrendering control to God?  
(Hebrews 11:11; Gen 15:1-7; 16:1-6)
  - a) The power for my perseverance (Genesis 15:1-7):
    - 1) Faith in God’s protection (Genesis 15:1)
    - 2) Faith in God’s promises (Genesis 15:2-5)
    - 3) Faith in God’s plan (Genesis 15:7)
    - 4) Faith in God’s heart (Genesis 15:1-7)
- 2) Am I laughing at God or leaning on God?  
(Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 17-18; 21)
  - a) How to lean on God as I wait:
    - 1) Remember who and where God is (Heb 11:11; Genesis 18:1-15)
    - 2) Rely on God’s Word (Genesis 18:10-15)
    - 3) Recall God’s faithfulness (Hebrews 11:11-12)
    - 4) Rest in God’s sovereignty (Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 18:10-15)
- 3) Is my deepest desire the temporal or the eternal? (Hebrews 11:13-16)

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