

FAITH: TRUSTING IN THE GOD WHO WAITS FOR YOU



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REFLECTION AGENDA

Three Key Faith Movements

1. Faith is more than belief
2. Faith is a trust relationship with God who waits
3. Learning faith at the foot of the Cross





FATH IS MORE THAN BELIEF

Key Differences Between Belief and Faith

- Belief relates to the mind
- Faith involves mind, heart, and will
- Belief can coexist with fear or control
- Faith means entrusting oneself to God
- Faith requires stepping forward and trusting
- Faith involves risk and surrender
- God provides presence, light, word, and grace

If faith is more
than belief,
then what is
it?



FAITH IS A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST.

- Opening ourselves to God's love.
- Allowing ourselves to be loved.
- Faith means believing that God's heart is turned toward us, even when life is hard.



Merciful

Patient

Faithful

Tender

Near





Parable of the prodigal son (LK 15:20)



God was waiting
for me.. I just had
to make myself be
found...

GOD WAITS

He waits when we are confused.
He waits when we wander.
He waits when we delay.
He waits when we doubt.
He waits when we are wounded.
He waits when prayer feels dry.
He waits when we are not yet
ready to open the locked doors of
our hearts.



GOD

Still there.
Still waiting.
Still loving.
Still calling us home.





We learn Faith at the foot of the Cross

“Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit.”



- **And what do we learn there?**

We learn endurance.

We learn to surrender.

We learn compassion.

We learn fidelity.

We learn that love can remain even in suffering.

We learn that God's silence is not the same as God's absence.

We learn that the end of the story is not death, but resurrection.



PERSONAL INVITATION

Where is God
waiting for you right
now?



Where is God waiting for you right now?

➤ Perhaps God is waiting for you in

A place of grief that you have not yet opened to him.

A decision you are afraid to make.

A silence you keep avoiding.

An act of forgiveness.

A surrender you have postponed.

A wound that needs healing.

A cross you are carrying now.



Conclusion

- Faith is a living relationship of trust and openness to god's patient and faithful love, rather than just a set of ideas we agree with.
- God typically meets us quietly and gently, offering grace-filled moments that we often come to understand only later.
- We learn that true faith endures at the foot of the cross, where Jesus entrusts himself to the Father in suffering.
- Through this, we realize that darkness is not final, love is stronger than death, and faith leads us into new life.



Let us pray...

Lord, may we be given the grace not merely to speak about faith, but to live it.

May we grow in trust.

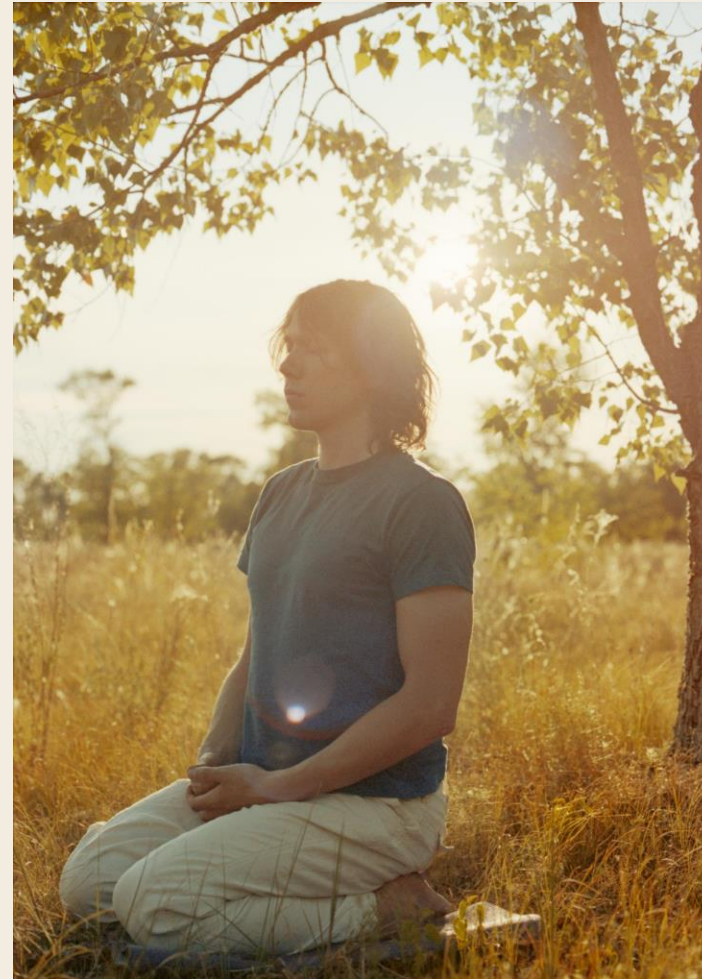
May we learn to know You who waits for us.

May we recognize Your grace in the quiet moments.

May we stand faithfully at the foot of the cross.

And may we walk, even through darkness, toward the new life God promises.

Amen.



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