



**DAY 27**



## THE DAYS WERE COMPLETED

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**Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

**Luke 2:4-7**

Joseph and Mary had to wait nine months for God's promise to them to be fulfilled, but others had waited much longer for this same promise. Israel had waited on this birth for centuries while listening to prophets proclaim a coming King. Humanity had waited on this birth from the first moment we set foot out of the garden and realized the gravity of our mistake. There, beyond the angel guards holding flaming swords, the clock began to tick toward Luke 2:6 when all of time would be reset at the birth of our Messiah.

Waiting on God is a common theme in Scripture, you read it over 20 times in the Psalms alone: Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes (Psalm 37:7). Though the command to wait may cause our mind to fret, we are always best served to wait on

God's timing. Like David waiting on the throne (2 Samuel 5:2) or Paul waiting three days for his eyesight to be restored (Acts 9:9) God refines us in essential ways while waiting. We sometimes think of the waiting as unnecessary or a form of punishment forgetting that the promises of God always come at the perfect time. If you will wait on the Lord the promises of God will be completed exactly when they need to be.

1. Do you have impatience you need to repent of?
2. How has the Lord grown you in waiting?

*May God give you the endurance to wait upon His perfect timing, showing you His purposes along the way so that your love for the Lord may be deepened and your well of patience filled as you experience Him in the meantime. Amen.*

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