



**DAY 6**



# ANTICIPATION

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**Even now, take your stand and see this great thing  
which the Lord will do before your eyes.**

**1 Samuel 12:16**

Because of COVID, anticipation and waiting are things that we are learning to deal with daily. When will this virus end? When will life be normal again? When can I hug my family? When will we go back to work with our co-workers? When can we go to events with no fear? When can we go back to church worship, with everyone?

Anticipation can be an exciting emotion, like when children anticipate their birthday, Christmas, a vacation and other celebrations. Anticipation can make the time while we are waiting be almost as wonderful as the celebration itself.

Anticipation is the building of emotions: joy, happiness, excitement, wonder and it can also be fear of the unknown, confusion, sadness and depression.

What about the shepherds' anticipation? Rejoicing, joy and wonder. The wisemen were filled with wonder and obedience as they followed the Star. What about King Herod? Anger, jealousy and fear. And Mary and Joseph? With the knowledge that has been shared, their anticipation must have been full of joy, love and honor.

Our anticipation and waiting can be filled with Joy, Love and Honor because we have been given the knowledge to know that Jesus came as a babe in the manger and died for each one of us. He then rose from the grave, victory over death. He provides for us a path that leads to eternal life with Him. We can anticipate every day that God is with us and is in control of our lives and has a plan for us.

Are you anticipating this season the joy, love and honor?

Are you still.... aware of the gifts that God has for you, each day.

Can you share any of those gifts?

Anticipate the love of Jesus every day. He loves us and has His plan.

Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes! 1 Samuel 12:16

*Father, you love us, your children, help us to wait with eager anticipation for your return. In the waiting and stillness may we feel your presence and hear the small voice of encouragement and words of guidance and peace. We love you, Father, make us worthy of the love you give to us. Amen.*

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