

## **In a Little While No Matter What September 26, 2021**

John 16:16-19 (NIV) Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me." <sup>17</sup> At this, some of His disciples said to one another, "What does He mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what He is saying." <sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask Him about this, so He said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me'?"

John 16:20-22 (NIV) Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

Hebrews 10:37 (NIV) In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.

**Jesus: The very thing that is causing you grief is the very thing that will bring you joy.**

**We start to lose hope when "not yet" starts to feel like "not ever."**

1 Peter 5:10 (NIV) And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

**Many times, what happens while we are waiting is as significant as what we are waiting for.**

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV) But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles...

### **Cycle of Waiting**

- **Independent**
- **Indignant**
- **Indifferent**

### **When You Are in God's Waiting Room:**

- **Wait intentionally.**

**Waiting is often a vital part of becoming.**

- **Wait expectantly.**

James 4:14 (NIV) ...you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.