



**ANTICIPATION pt6**

# **Anticipating Impact**

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10/ Eph 2:8-10



# Anticipating Impact

## I. RECAP

A. We first laid the groundwork with – Making the Best of Your Seasons

- We defined What Seasons were
- We defined Personal Seasons
- We discussed How Seasons differ According to Purpose



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## I. RECAP

A. Next, We began identifying & defining the role of Anticipation

- **Define Anticipation**
- It is to respond in advance to an impending dream, desire, promise, hope or season purposed for you by God.



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## I. RECAP

### A. Preparation & Anticipation are both FAITH in ACTION

- Someone might say, “You have faith, but I have deeds.” Show me your faith without doing anything, and I will show you my faith by what I do.
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- ### A. Preparation is a Two-fold package
1. GOD plays a part (through Testing)
  2. We play a part (through Sowing)



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## I. RECAP

### A. ANTICIPATING OPPORTUNITY

#### 1. Opportunity:

- A favorable situation for a positive outcome.
- A favorable time to walk/step into your ordained moment (whether that moment is a promise, dream, prayer, destiny...etc)

#### 1. In the Greek:

- **Kairos** (καιρός), primarily means, “a due measure, a fixed and definite period, a time, season, “and is translated “opportunity”
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## I. RECAP

- Reasons for Missed Opportunities
  - Being Unprepared
  - Holding on to Unforgiveness
  - Negative Disposition
  - Fear
  - Laziness
  - Inattentive...etc.



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## I. THE Purpose OF ANTICIPATION

A. God uses this time to **PREPARE** us for the **COMING SEASON**.

- **Eph 2:8-10 (AV)**
- *for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not of works, that no man should glory. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.*



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## God Prepares Us By:

### 1. Testing Us. Deut 8:2 Seasons of Testing

*a. Humble US*

*b. Test Us*

*c. Show us what's in our heart*





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## God Prepares Us By:

### 1. Teaching Us.

- a. Patient* - 2 Cor 6:4
- b. Wait on the Lord* - Ps 62:5
- c. Submissive* -Ps 119:6-7
- d. Content* - Phi 4:11
- e. Worshipful* -Job 1:20-21
- f. Praise* - PS 103:1-2
- g. Seek His Face* -PS 27:7-8
- h. Say what He Says* - Mat 21:21-22



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## God Prepares Us By: Positioning Us

### God's Purpose Opens doors of Opportunity

- Esther was positioned in the Palace Es 4:14
- The Blind Man was positioned on the road side  
Jn 9:2-3
- Pharaoh was positioned on his throne Ro 9:17
- The 120 in the Upper Room in Jerusalem Ac 1:4-8



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- **POSITIONED FOR A REASON**
- **We are to benefit others** -Gal 5:13
- **We are to IMPACT the world around us**  
-1 Thes. 1:5-10 (BBE)



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- **Influence – THROUGH BEHAVIOR**
  - To cause effect (usually it is subtle)
  - Influence is usually unintentional
- **Impact – THROUGH POWER**
  - Causes **dynamic** effects
  - The power to make a “strong” impression. Leave a mark. Make an imprint.
  - The Power to bring about results



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## The World lives to make an Impact

*Ellen Page - Young Actress*

*"I'm here today because I am gay,"  
Page, 26, told the audience. "And  
because maybe I can **make a  
difference**. To help others have an  
easier and more hopeful time.  
Regardless, for me, I feel a personal  
obligation and a social  
responsibility."*





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**A. Early Church Positioned to Wait in the upper room...**

- **After the Holy Spirit Came they were Positioned to IMPACT the world...with POWER!**
- *Acts 1-2*
- *Mark 16:15-20*



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- **\*The Gospel and our Destiny are inseparable (Eph. 6:13–15).**



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