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Week 7

Theme: *"Why Is the Journey So Slow?"*

When life feels like it's moving at a crawl, it's easy to wonder if we've been forgotten or left behind. But often what feels slow is actually sacred. God's work in our lives is rarely rushed—it's intentional, deep, and character-forming. The "slow burn" seasons may not give us immediate answers, but they offer something richer: the development of strength, endurance, and spiritual depth that can't be replicated through shortcuts or speed.

God is not just interested in getting us to a destination—He's invested in forming us along the journey. The slowness we feel may actually be the space in which He's cultivating faithfulness, peeling away fear, insecurity, and pride, and building something that will last for generations. Like the century plant that grows low for decades before suddenly shooting up, or Jesus' quiet 30 years before public ministry, what may seem hidden or delayed is often a part of God's divine preparation.

Rather than resisting the pace, we're invited to reframe it. God's timing isn't hesitation—it's precision. He's calling us not to conform to the world's patterns of speed and comparison, but to honor the ordered steps He's placed before us. Our lives are not photocopies of others'. He's writing a custom story, layering life lessons that will become the message we carry to others. The invitation is to say, "Here I am," and to trust that even in what feels slow, God is present, active, and working all things together for our good.

Key Scriptures:

- **Habakkuk 2:3** — *"Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."*
- **Psalms 37:23** — *"The steps of a righteous person are ordered by the Lord."*
- **Romans 8:28** — *"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him..."*
- **Psalms 118:24** — *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*



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Discussion Questions:

1. Struggling with the Pace

- Have you ever asked God, “Are we there yet?” How did that season of waiting challenge or shape you?
- What do you tend to feel when things in life move more slowly than you expected?

2. Strength in the Slow Burn

- How does the idea of God building strength over time encourage or convict you?
- What are some “roots” God might be growing in you beneath the surface right now?

3. God's Divine Order

- In what ways do you feel tempted to conform to the world's pattern of rushing, comparing, or shortcutting?
- How can you reorient your heart to follow God's ordered steps instead of seeking the fastest path?

4. The Call to Trust

- What would it mean for you to truly say “Here I am” to God in this season?
- How might you embrace the slowness of the journey as part of your calling rather than a delay?

Prayer Focus:

Pray for patience, perspective, and peace for those in seasons of uncertainty or delay. Ask God to reveal what He's developing in the waiting. Declare trust in His timing, even when it's hard to understand, and invite Him to continue writing a life message through each person's journey.



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Challenge of the Week:

Spend time journaling about a slow season in your life. What did you learn? How did God move even when you didn't see it clearly? Write a personal "Here I am" prayer to God, surrendering this current season to His hands.