

# Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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## **Message – Hate to Wait**

Brother Steve drove home his message ... he kept us waiting 45 seconds before he appeared! We were wondering where was he? Where had he gone? Was he ok?

The when and what question ...

When will the waiting end and I get what I'm waiting on?

The longer you spend waiting the more we tend to get focused on the when and what questions.

Problem: It's dangerous for your life...when what you're waiting ON becomes what you're hoping IN...

Reality: You might not get WHAT you're waiting on, WHEN you want it ...Or you might get it and it's not what you thought.

***Isaiah 40:27-31 27Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God?"***

To these questions we would say ... cause my friend is working on his third wife and I've never married; she has two kids and I have none; people around me are getting promotions and I can't find a job; my neighbor got a new car and my old one won't run...

***28Do you not know? Have you not heard?*** At this everyone lperked up and thought Isaiah was about to say the When and What's are about to be answered. Isaiah changed the focus from When/What to WHO.

***The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary*** (Waiting is exhausting for you not for God) ***and his understanding no one can fathom. 29He gives strength to the weary*** (God gives you the strength today to take one step toward tomorrow) ***and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even yiuths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.***

***1 Peter 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.***

...new birth, living hope, resurrection...

1. A hope that is Living - things you can see from the death and resurrection of Christ
  - a. God loves me. Important cause the first thing you'll think is God must not love me to let this happen to me. The only way past that is to focus on the cross and at least know God loves me unconditionally and to the point of death.
  - b. God allows freedom but remains in control – the scene at the cross – at the cross men crucified Jesus. Authorities wanted to trade Jesus for Barabas. A mob gone crazy out of control, not thinking straight. God is never not in control of your life. God can stop it and he will, but not in this world.
  - c. God can use the worst for eternal good. On Friday at the cross it seems no good can come of this. Today, 2000 years later we see it as the greatest thing that ever happened to mankind.
2. A hope of Inheritance We inherit peace on this earth and eternity with Christ.

**When I don't know what to do, my HOPE is not in when and what, but in WHO.**