



*Don't forget to stay
**connected during
the week!***

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

🎄 Join us for our Christmas Service on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 PM at Iglesia Playas; a special night of worship and celebration with gift-giving for the children of our church during the service. ✨

Remember that the Wednesday WOW service and the Tuesday youth group will be on pause for the rest of the year.

Notice: On the last Sunday of the year, December 28, we will not have an in-person service. That day we will gather on our online platforms, through Facebook and YouTube. See you there!



Hello!
Glad to see you!



INTEGRITY IN THE DARK: WHEN WAITING BECOMES WORSHIP

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Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

- **WAITING** isn't **WASTED** when God is working in the dark.
- **INTEGRITY** protects **OTHERS** even when waiting hurts you.
- Waiting doesn't just test your **PATIENCE**, it tests your **CHARACTER**.
- Waiting becomes **WORSHIP** when **OBEDIENCE** becomes immediate.

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Luke 2:22-24 (NIV)

- Waiting with integrity is **LONG-TERM** faithfulness, not **SHORT-TERM** emotion.

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Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

- When you wait with **INTEGRITY**, God renews your **STRENGTH**.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where in your life are you currently in a “waiting season,” and what emotions come up when you think about that area?
2. Joseph protected Mary’s dignity even while he was hurting. What does protecting others look like in your own waiting season?
3. What is one area where God is asking you to obey, even though the timing, details, or outcome are unclear?
4. Waiting often reveals what we truly trust. What has your waiting season revealed about your trust in God?
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