No Lines, No Waiting

Most of you have heard that by nature I am a very impatient person. I don’t like to wait around with nothing to do. I don’t like to sit around if there is something that needs to be done. In fact one of my spiritual gifts is impatience. Actually, I’m not really sure that’s a spiritual gift.

With this in mind let me say that I always pick the worst line to get in no matter where I might be.

- If I’m in traffic I get in the slowest moving lane. And then if I move to another lane that one all of the sudden slows down and the one I was in speeds up.
- Restaurant – guy ordering for his whole apartment building.
- Waiting in line at Christmas for some new toy. (Movie, concert tickets)
- How about when your standing in line and the person that should be taking care of you is acting like your not there and you just wait.

- I like it when they open another line and the lady comes over and says I can help a few people over here. There are no lines, no waiting over here.
- I’m preaching this morning - No Lines, No Waiting. When you’re coming to God there are no lines and no waiting.
- All through the pages of the Old Testament, for years and years the people were waiting for something better to come. They were waiting for some better promise. They were waiting for some better system of things. They were waiting for a savior.
- Everything before Calvary in scripture points ahead to Calvary. Everything in the Old Testament pointed ahead to a better day. It points ahead to that day when the supreme sacrifice would be made for all of humankind. Everything in scripture after Calvary points back to Calvary and that day when Jesus Christ laid down his life for us on that cruel cross of suffering.
- During the days of the Old Testament there were many prophecies concerning the coming messiah. It was prophesied that there was coming a day when the Lord God Almighty would come and take away the sins of the world. Now that really meant something to the people of that day for the system that was in place at that time only provided for temporary relief from their sins. Every year on the Day of Atonement the high priest would have to bring the blood of the sacrifice into the holy of holies and ask the Lord for atonement for one more year. Back then their sins were never really remitted or forgiven but they were just pushed ahead for one more year at a time. The next year on that day their sins were pushed ahead for another year. All through the dispensation of the Law they were waiting for something better to come. They were waiting in line for some better promise and a better way of doing things.

Hebrews 7:19 Reads:
For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
All through the Old Testament they were:

- Hoping for a better way.
- Longing for a better way.
- Looking for a better way.
- Waiting for a better way.

- But I want to preach to you that today that there are **no lines and no waiting** for the person who really wants Jesus today.

- It was prophesied that there was coming a savior to take away the sins of the world.

- The prophecy was that instead of a God way up in the heavenlies that he would be God with us.

- Instead of laws written on tables of stone he would write his laws in our hearts and in our inward parts.

- The Bible calls him the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. His coming to this earth when he robed himself in flesh was not an accident or a spur of the moment event to make up for some failure in his plan.

- Jesus didn’t have to go back to the drawing board and make another plan but this was his plan from the very beginning of time.

- **One day he said the waiting is over.**

- **My people have been waiting for long enough.**

- It’s time for me to robe myself in flesh and come to the earth to seek and save the lost. **The waiting is over! Amen!**

- For years he was a God who they could not see! He was a God that they could not feel and could not touch.

- But Jesus Christ burst on the scene longing for someone to touch him. God manifested in the flesh. While he was upon the earth he went about doing good and healing the sick and helping all who were oppressed.

- He was touching people because the waiting was over.
Blind Bartimaeus

(Mar 10:46) And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. (Mar 10:47) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. (Mar 10:48) And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. (Mar 10:49) And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. (Mar 10:50) And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. (Mar 10:51) And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. (Mar 10:52) And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

- He was a beggar that sat on the road to Jericho
- Cried out to Jesus
- People said be quiet
- Disciples said it's not your time
- Wait your turn

Jesus opened up another line for him and said NO LINES, NO WAITING!

Woman with the issue of blood.

(Mar 5:25) And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, (Mar 5:26) And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, (Mar 5:27) When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. (Mar 5:28) For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. (Mar 5:29) And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

- Sick for 12 years – in line for 12 years
- Tried every doctor
- Used all her money
- Was getting worse
- She was not supposed to be there
- She touched the hem of Jesus garment

Jesus opened up another line for her and said NO LINES, NO WAITING!
Man at the pool of Bethesda

(Joh 5:4) For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
(Joh 5:5) And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
(Joh 5:6) When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
(Joh 5:7) The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
(Joh 5:8) Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
(Joh 5:9) And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

- Sick 38 years
- 38 years of waiting

Jesus came by one day and opened up another line for him and said NO LINES, NO WAITING!

Let me close this morning with this: If you need Jesus today there is no more waiting!

NO LINES AND NO WAITING!

You may have been waiting 5 years, 12 years, 38 years, it doesn't matter because Jesus can touch you today before you leave. He is able to:

- Heal your body!
- Fix your messed up life!
- Mend your broken heart!
- Deal with your troubled marriage!
- Deliver you from any addiction you may have!
- Solve a financial problem!
- Save your soul!

You don’t have to wait around in line for him to do it. He can do it right now. What the devil took years to mess up God can fix with just one touch. NO LINES AND NO WAITING!

In our scripture text they were told to go and wait for the promise of the father, which was the Holy Ghost. That was the last time that they would ever wait on God for the Holy Ghost.