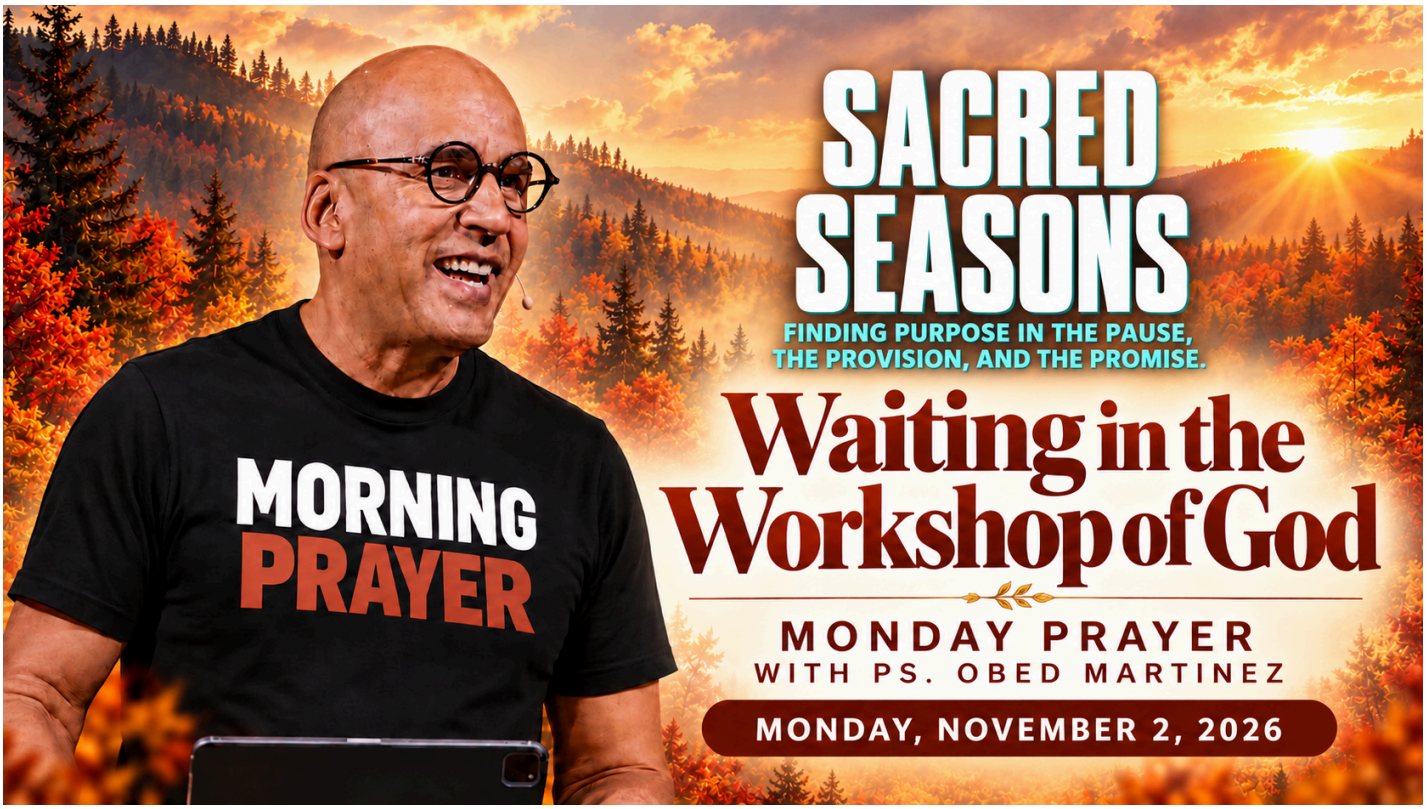


Morning Prayer with Pastor Obed Martinez 11-02-26

“Waiting in the Workshop of God”

Theme: Waiting on the Lord is never wasted time; it is active preparation where God prunes what holds us back and aligns us with what lies ahead.

1. Separation — The Pruning Before the Promise

Waiting begins with letting go of the familiar.

• **Key Concept:** Before God leads us into the new, He calls us out of the old. In Genesis 12:1, Abram is instructed to leave his country, his kin, and his father’s house. This is the "Paring" stage—a deliberate cutting away of comforts, old dependencies, and mindsets that cannot survive where God is taking you.

• **The Spiritual Truth:** Separation can feel like loss or stagnation, but pruning is always designed for greater fruitfulness. What feels like an ending is simply God clearing space.

• **Supporting Scripture:**
• **John 15:2** — Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear even more fruit.

• **Isaiah 43:18–19** — God calls His people to forget former things and not dwell on the past, because He is doing a brand-new work in the wilderness.

2. Preparation — Becoming Entwined in the Middle

Waiting is active alignment, not passive delay.

• **Key Concept:** The word "Go" in God's instruction represents the journey between the call and the arrival. This is the "Pre" stage—the work done in advance. While we wait on God's timing, God's priority is our spiritual formation.

• **The Spiritual Truth:** True biblical waiting is not sitting idle; it means being bound closely to God, drawing courage and resilience from Him. As David expresses in Psalm 27:14, waiting requires bravery and steady hope because our strength is renewed through deep communion with Him. The delay is not a denial; it is God building the character needed to sustain the blessing.

• **Supporting Scripture:**
• **Isaiah 40:31 —** Those who wait upon the Lord renew their strength; they mount up with wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.

• **Romans 5:3–5** — Endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces a hope that does not disappoint.

3. Destination — Trusting the God Who Shows the Way

Waiting ends in revelation, not disappointment.

• **Key Concept:** God told Abram to journey toward a land "I will show you." Notice God did not hand Abram a completed map upfront; He gave a promise that required step-by-step obedience.

• **The Spiritual Truth:** The final destination is not just a physical place or a fulfilled goal—it is a deeper revelation of God's faithfulness. When we endure the separation and embrace the preparation, God reveals His promise in fullness, proving that trusting Him never leads to shame.

• **Supporting Scripture:**
• **Proverbs 3:5–6** — Trusting the Lord with all your heart and not leaning on your own understanding allows Him to make your paths straight.

• **Hebrews 11:8** — By faith Abraham obeyed when called to go out to a place he would receive as an inheritance, setting out even though he did not know where he was going.

• **Romans 8:28** — God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Practical Takeaway

When you find yourself in God's waiting room, don't rush the process:
1. Embrace the Separation: Release what God is asking you to set down.
2. Yield to the Preparation: Stay entwined with Him daily in prayer and courage.
3. Walk Toward the Destination: Take the next faithful step, trusting that He will never fail or disappoint you.