



TASTE Reflection Questions
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Love Transforms Everything
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*And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age. ~ Matthew 28:20*



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk?

2. Mary talked about how we order our lives. Our intellect informs our emotions which inform our actions which receive a result. Similarly, Faith is the knowledge that God is God and we are not, and we have Hope that God is going to do what He says He's going to do, and Love is an action. We need to lean into **HOPE** and trust in God's provision.

- When have you been called to lean into God a little more and realize that "waiting is sacred"?
- How do you wait and trust and surrender not with resignation, but with expectation and hope?
- Since this talk, have you tried to wrap up your prayers in a gift and place it at the foot of the cross, knowing that you have no control over how the Lord is going to use it, redeem it or restore it? Explain.

3. Mary reminded us that time is precious and we are called to make the most of it by loving the person right in front of us. She said that **LOVE** lets go and pure selfless love asks for nothing in return and it transforms you without realizing it. It softens our hard edges, breaks us open, and heals us at the same time. Mary experienced this in the final days with her daughter Courtney.

- How have you let love spill over into your home – shaping the way you live, speak, forgive, & serve?
- How has love transformed a season of great suffering and sorrow into one of pure grace?
- How have you experienced the expansiveness of love and seen it stretch, grow, multiply, & transform?
- When have you realized that you are loved beyond measure?
- How have you found that love teaches us patience when we want to react in frustration and kindness when our natural inclination is indifference?

4. Mary concluded her talk by saying, "Remember that no season of **WAITING** is ever wasted when we place it in the hands of Love Himself. Hope is in the waiting and the waiting is never empty. It is the place where love is made perfect, where faith is strengthened, and where trust is refined. It is not a "holding pattern," it is a journey, and at the end of the journey in the humble manger or at the Cross, Love waits for us with arms open wide."

- How does that quote give comfort, strength, and/or peace to your heart?
- When have you tried "waiting" without intentionally placing the situation in the hands of God? What was the result?
- When have you intentionally placed your "waiting" in the hands of our loving God? What was the result?