INTRO

With the ongoing social distancing:

- What are you getting weary of? (Can be anything, big or small)
- What are you getting quite use to?

READ

Mark 1:40-42
Genesis 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:36-40

REFLECT/RESPOND

This past Sunday, we took a break from our sermon series in 1 John. Instead, Jacob Moon shared his story of how God answered their prayer for he and his wife Allison to have children.

The three scriptures above reveal three dimensions for us to understand the promises of God.

1. Prayers that are answered quickly

Qu: Can you recall a time when God quickly answered a prayer?

Qu: Why do you think God sometimes answers prayer very fast?

2. Prayers that take a long time for their fulfilment

As we read the pages of the Bible, there are many instances of people waiting a long time for a prayer to be answered.

Qu: Can you think of anyone in the Bible, besides Abraham and Sarah, who waited a long time for their prayer to be answered?

Qu: Can you recall a time where your prayer took a long time to be answered?

3. Prayers that are not answered this side of eternity

"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised" Hebrews 11:39

Creation -> Fall -> Redemption -> Restoration

All of God's promises will be fulfilled, but some not until the restoration of all things. This can be a hard truth for us who live in a culture that expects everything in the here and now.

Notice that those in the Hebrews passage who did not receive what was promised were equally commended for their faith!

Qu: Is there desire you have that is unlikely to be fulfilled in this life?

"It's not the end of the road my love
I believe we'll walk in the light
It's not the end of the road my love

It's not like we haven't prayed my love
We've been down on our knees every night
And Heaven knows
It's not the end of the road"
- End of the Road by Jacob Moon

PRAY

Pray for any needs that are present

Pray that we would be people of faith whether God answers our prayers quickly or not