

Does anyone else remember when watching a movie wasn't instant?!

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SUMMARY

The speaker reflects on the nostalgic experience of renting movies as a child, contrasting it with today's instant access to content. They emphasize the importance of waiting and experiencing disappointment, suggesting that these moments are crucial for understanding desire and perseverance.

- *Nostalgic memories of visiting Blockbuster to rent movies as a child.*
- *The thrill of hoping a desired movie is available and the disappointment of finding it missing.*
- *The contrast between past experiences of waiting and wanting versus today's instant access to content.*
- *Emphasis on the value of waiting and the lessons learned from disappointment.*
- *Suggests that these experiences mimic important life lessons about desire and effort.*
- *Highlights the lack of similar experiences in children's current media consumption.*

Do you remember what it was like to want to watch a movie when we were kids? Can we go to Blockbuster tomorrow when I'm having my friend over and then I'd have to make the plan and then you had to wait. I'd be thinking, "Oh, I really, really hope they have Clueless. I really want to watch that with my friend." I remember going through the aisle and then you get to the part where on the shelf they have the picture of the movie. Sometimes you looked behind that image of the movie and it was empty. I want us to think right now about our children's experience of wanting to watch a movie and watching a movie. The space is nothing. There is hardly ever wanting without having. There is hardly ever something called waiting. There is hardly ever disappointment. It is so different. And even though it was so disappointing to think about a movie and not see the movie you wanted, it mimicked a really important arc that happens over and over in more important situations. You want something, you work toward it, you wait, and then you still don't get the