

# **Waiting on God**

**Decades - Part 7**

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**Have you ever been in a hurry when God wasn't?**

**God's waiting room.**

**How do I wait well on God?**

## **Five Things to REMEMBER When You're Waiting On God:**

### **1. Remember that there is always a natural delay between planting and harvesting.**

*"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. <sup>2</sup>A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest."* Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NLT)

### **2. Remember that there is an unseen battle going on.**

*"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."* Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

### **3. Remember that God is preparing you for His blessings.**

*"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."* 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

Waiting is always a test.

### **4. Remember that you're in good company when you're waiting on God.**

*"Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation."* Hebrews 11:2 (NLT)

### **5. Remember that God ALWAYS keeps His promises!**

*"This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."* Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)

## **Four Things to DO When You're Waiting on God:**

**W - Write down the lessons you're learning.**

God is more interested in your character than your comfort.

## **A - Act as though you already have it.**

*"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." Mark 11:24 (NLT)*

When you thank God **after** He answers a prayer, that is called **gratitude**.

When you thank God **before** He answers a prayer, that is called **faith**.

*Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson, Day 7: When a drought threatened to destroy a season of crops, a rural church with many farmers in the congregation called for an emergency prayer meeting. Dozens of farmers showed up to pray. Most of them wore their traditional overalls, but one of them wore waders! He got a few funny looks, just like Noah did when he was building the ark, but isn't that faith at its finest? If we genuinely believe God is going to answer our prayer for rain, isn't that exactly what we would wear? Why not dress for the miracle? I love the simple, childlike faith of that old, seasoned farmer. He simply said, "I don't want to walk home wet." And he didn't. But everyone else did.

## **I - Imitate the habits that grow strong faith.**

*"Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. ..." Philippians 4:9 (NLT)*

Use your time waiting to develop the habits and skills that you're going to use later on.

## **T - Trust God instead of panicking.**

God is never in a hurry.

God is never late.

*"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)*

*"But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." Psalm 56:3 (NLT)*

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