



In the Waiting

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Waiting. It's one of the hardest places to be, especially when we're longing for something deeply personal: a job, a baby, a spouse, healing, direction, or restoration. The in-between can feel lonely, confusing, and even discouraging. You may be tempted to believe that God has forgotten you, or that your story has stalled.

But God often does His deepest work in silence. The waiting season isn't punishment; it's preparation. It's the sacred ground where faith is refined, trust is tested, and intimacy with God is deepened. You are not stuck—you are being shaped. Let's walk through three powerful ways to respond in the waiting — not with passivity or despair, but with hope, trust, and purpose.

1) Worship While You Wait

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." - Psalm 34:1

It may feel unnatural to worship when your heart is weary, your prayers seem unanswered, and the waiting feels endless. But that's when worship becomes a declaration of faith. It shifts your focus from the problem to the Promise-Keeper. It reminds your soul that God hasn't changed, even if your circumstances have.

Worship doesn't deny the pain—it invites God into it. In fact, worship in the waiting is a form of spiritual warfare. It silences fear, drowns out discouragement, and invites peace. As you exalt God's name over your situation, you realign your heart with heaven's perspective.

2) Trust God's Timing and Plan

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" - Psalm 27:14

Trusting God's timing is one of the most difficult and powerful acts of surrender. We want things quickly and clearly. But God isn't in a hurry. He's more concerned about who you're becoming than how fast you get there.

Sometimes, waiting reveals how much we try to control. Other times, it reveals where we don't fully trust His goodness. But God sees the whole picture. He's orchestrating far more than you know—aligning circumstances, protecting you from harm, and preparing blessings that are worth the wait. Don't confuse God's silence with His absence. He's always at work—even in the quiet.

3) Stay Faithful with What's in Your Hands

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." - Colossians 3:23

When you're waiting for something new, it's easy to overlook what's already in front of you. But God calls us to faithfulness, not idleness, in the waiting. The way you steward today prepares you for tomorrow.

Maybe it's the job that feels monotonous, the routine of motherhood, or the behind-the-scenes role that no one notices. God sees it all, and He's shaping your character through every small act of obedience. Don't despise this season. Use it to grow deeper in the Word, build your prayer life, serve others, or cultivate the gifts He's given you.

David was anointed king as a teenager but returned to the sheep field until God said it was time. Even Jesus waited 30 years before beginning His public ministry.

Waiting doesn't mean wasting, it means refining.

Waiting is not a holding pattern —it's a holy invitation. God is preparing something beautiful, not just for you, but in you. He's never early, never late, and always faithful. As you worship, trust, and stay faithful with what's in your hands, you will find strength in the waiting and joy in the journey.

Prayer

Lord, I don't always understand Your timing, but I choose to trust it. Help me to worship You even when I don't see the outcome. Strengthen my heart to believe You are working behind the scenes. Show me what You want to grow in me while I wait. Help me to serve with joy, live with purpose, and trust with boldness. I know You are worth the wait. In Jesus' name, Amen

Conversation Starters

- 1.) Have you struggled in seasons of waiting? Share about how you have handled seasons of waiting.
- 2.) What fears or doubts are making it difficult for you to trust God's timing? What would it look like to release those into His hands?
- 3.) What opportunities has God already placed in your life that you might be overlooking?

Call to Action

- 1.) Create a short "waiting worship" playlist — a few songs that remind you of God's goodness. Play it when your heart begins to doubt.
- 2.) Write a simple prayer surrendering your timeline to God. Repeat it every morning this week to anchor your heart in trust.
- 3.) Choose one area in your life right now where you can be more intentional, present, or joyful. Offer it to God and serve with purpose.

Commit to waiting well with Jesus. Trust that the Lord is working. Commit to being transformed while you wait.

Memorize

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