

Being Faithful When We're Tired of the Wait

Waiting can be so very painful at times. The tick of the clock can make our hearts beat so fast that we think we will burst if God doesn't step in and move some mountains soon. But, God never causes us to suffer for nothing. He never asks us because He has forgotten us. Waiting, though painful, is a very powerful part of following God. It should be valued because it has a purpose. It changes us and prepares us for what lies ahead. Time of waiting should be looked at as times of opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with God.

Patient Perseverance Should Define Believers

Please read 2 Peter 1:3-11.

What promise does Peter give us in verse 3?

How can understanding this truth and holding on to it give us the strength to endure times of waiting?

The qualities in verses 6-7 are instructed to be added in increasing measure. Please list them in order.

Why do you think perseverance is listed after self-control and before godliness?

*Times of Faithful Waiting and Persevering Change Us and
Prepare Us for What God has Planned*

Please read Romans 5:3-5.

What does Paul tell us we should do when we suffer?

Why?

Looking back at your experiences, how have times of persevering through a time of waiting prepared you or developed your character and faith?

There is a Reason and a Purpose for the Wait

Quite possibly, the hardest part of waiting for a long time for God to move on our behalf is feeling like there is no reason for the pain. When we understand that God is always moving and working things out, we can dismiss these unsettling fears that we wait in vain. We may never fully understand the reason behind the wait, but just knowing that there is a reason can bring us hope and encourage us in our faith.

Please read Hebrews 10:35-36.

How can waiting make you want to “throw away your confidence”?

How can reminding yourself that God’s promises will be fulfilled when we wait on His timing help you through times of waiting?

Praising God Through and For the Wait

Please read Colossians 1:10-11.

How can giving thanks to God for times of waiting strengthen you during those times?

Are you waiting for an answer to prayer right now? Are you waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise in your life? Please take a few moments to pour your heart out to God. Share your fears and struggles with Him. Ask Him to show you His purpose for the wait. But most importantly, thank Him for His provision during this time. Thank Him for the lessons He is teaching you through this difficult season of your life. Ask Him to help you use your wait as a time of training your faith for the future.