

Dreams & Despair

“A Call to Persevere”

Careful: Not my will, but His will

First Problem: “**Chatter Box**”

Silent conversations we have with our selves.

Voice in my Head – Voice of my God

Note: What would happen if you reduced your tendency to think about yourself and all your issues to the Voice of God and trust in His will?

1. Our life does not change overnight, keep honoring God in your journey.

2. Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant *terrible suffering*?

Hebrews 10:31-32

33 Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. 34 You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

Hebrews 10:33-34

3. Trust Him and *live a life* that requires faith & patience.

35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

Hebrews 10:35-36

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4. David struggled with waiting as much as we do.

13 Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. 14 Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 27:13-14 NLT

20 We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20 NLT

1 I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:1 NLT

I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word.

Psalm 130:5 NLT

While you are waiting:

- 1. Don't throw away your confident trust**
- 2. Remain faithful**
- 3. Do not lose hope**
- 4. Wait on the Lord**
- 5. Be patient**
- 6. Continue to cry out to God**
- 7. Cling to His word**
- 8. Count on the Lord**
- 9. Trust in His love**
- 10. Rejoice in His redemption**