

The LORD Himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders.

And He will be called:
**Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

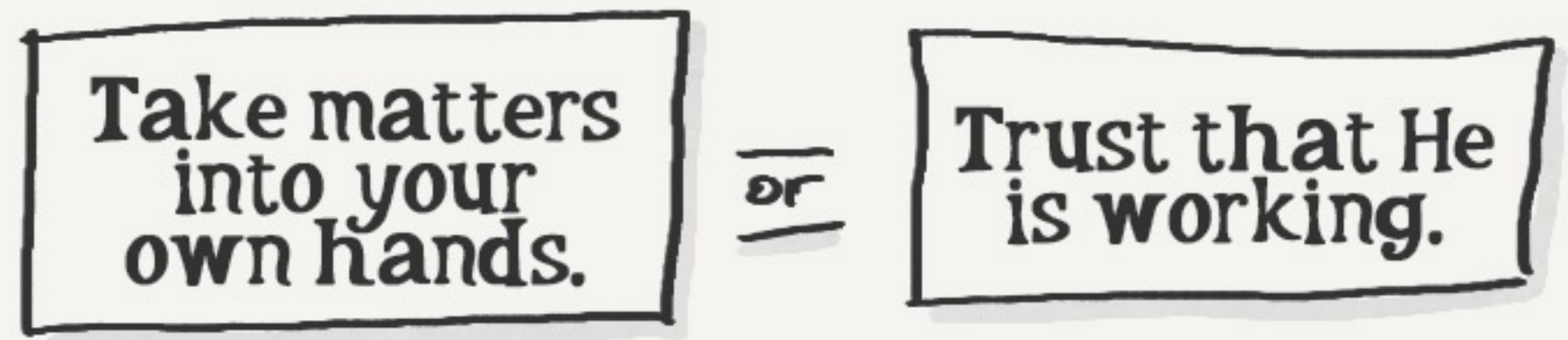
Advent:
the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.

Israel waited in silence for **400 years** for the promised **Messiah.**

They waited in anticipation of something on the horizon.

Then Jesus came at just the right time.

What do you do while you wait?



Waiting on God is never a waste of time.

He's working while you're waiting.

patience:
a quiet, uncomplaining spirit when under pressure.

We speed up Christmas and forget why we celebrate.

Depression has increased exponentially over the last couple of years.

Jesus brings...

- Hope → not despair
- Peace → not trouble
- Joy → not stress
- Love → not strife

If you feel hopeless, **hold fast in the storm.** There's something on the horizon.

