

Wait... for the Lord

Psalms 27:7-9 (NIV) “Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!’ Your face, Lord, I will seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.”

Psalms 27:13-14 (NIV) “I am still confident of this. I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

**Waiting for the Lord...
is the hardest part of Hope!**

Why can it be hard to wait for the Lord?

1. Because God is not on my timetable.

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV) “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Galatians 4:4a (NIV) “But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son”

2. Because I am not in control.

Psalms 56:3 (NIV) “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

Isaiah 14:24 (NIV) “The Lord Almighty has sworn, ‘Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen.’”

3. Because we can't just sit and wait!

Exodus 14:13-16 (NIV) “Moses answered the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.’ ¹⁵Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.’”

Isaiah 40:28b-31 (ESV) “The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”