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When is it too early for Christmas decorations?

- a. Don't talk to me until after Thanksgiving
- b. I've been ready since October
- c. I've had my decorations up since last Christmas



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“The God Who Keeps His Promise”

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Are You Stuck In The Waiting Place?

A vibrant, cartoonish illustration depicting a chaotic and absurd waiting area. On the left, a pink car is stuck in a large, thick, pink, worm-like object. A man in a purple suit stands nearby, holding a rope that goes into the car. A dog and a cat are also present. In the center, a man in an orange suit sits in a chair, looking at a clock that is hanging from the ceiling. A long line of people in blue uniforms stretches across the background. On the right, a man in a blue uniform sits in a chair, talking on a rotary phone. A cow is running in the background. The scene is filled with various other characters and objects, including a teapot, a basket, and a small wooden shed.

I. The Promise We Wait For

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

- Genesis 3:14-15



I.The Promise We Wait For

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet...

- Romans 16:20

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³ And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on his heads seven diadems.

⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven
and cast them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to give birth,
so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

2.The Power to Wait

⁵ She gave birth to a male child,
one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron,
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⁷ Now war arose in heaven,

Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.

And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down,

that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

2.The Power to Wait

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
“Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

2.The Power to Wait

- ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their lives even unto death.
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he had been thrown down to the earth,
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so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness,
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¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

2.The Power to Wait

¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

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“God is using the difficulties of the here and now to transform you, that is, to rescue you from you. And because he loves you, he will willingly interrupt or compromise your momentary happiness in order to accomplish one more step in the process of rescue and transformation, which he is unshakably committed to....

Yes, your life is messy and hard, but that's not a failure of the plan; it is the plan. It's God working to complete what he's begun in you.”



- Paul David Tripp

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STRANGER THINGS

WELCOME
TO
HAWKINS





2.The Power to Wait

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 5:8-11



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