

# New Year's 2024: *Wait on the Lord*

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## I. Expectation of Being Close to Him

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## II. Waiting Rooms of God

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## V. What Desire Are You Willing to Wait For?

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 Ask Yourself: Do I desire to wait in faith? Am I expecting to receive an answer from God? Am I ready to present it to the Father and leave it in His hands?

Prayer: Dear God, I thank you that you are in charge. I thank you for all the help I have received from you in the past. I choose to wait on you for wisdom and direction. I look to you at every turning point and acknowledge your power over the situations in my life. You are the answer. I submit my life to you. In Jesus Name, amen



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