

**“While You Wait”
(Genesis Chapter 17)**

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3 Practical Ways We are to Wait on the Lord: **While we wait—**

1. Walk with God! (Genesis 17:1)

- Abram is 95 years old**
- Abram has a 13-year-old teenager (Ishmael)**
- God says, “I am God Almighty.”**

Call To Pray

Jeremiah 33:3, Ephesians 3:20-21

Open with prayer and begin to praise God: Get a hymnal or use your phone to select worship music. 🎵

God's invitation and command: "Call upon Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you know not." Jeremiah 33:3

1. Let's Look to Him!

The ONE we get to pray to!

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| → Psalm 145:3-10 | → Exodus 15:11-13 |
| → Jeremiah 32:17 | → Isaiah 40:12-14 |
| → 2 Samuel 7:22 | → Psalm 24:7-10 |
| → Romans 11:33-36 | → Revelation 4:9-11 |
| → 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 | → 1 Timothy 6:15-16 |

- Now take some time to meditate on the Greatness of God and offer Prayers of Praise and Adoration for Who *HE IS*.

2. Listen To Him!

- Use the Holy Imagination guide as you call upon the LORD to show you great and mighty things.

3. Live For Him!

- In Genesis chapter 17, Abraham immediately obeyed the LORD when He revealed His will and plan to him (Genesis 17:22-27). Read Genesis chapter 17 and follow Abraham's example of immediate obedience in regard to what God reveals to you during your Holy Imagination Prayer time. Abraham was 99 years old and God wasn't through with him by any means. I can promise you as well that God still has plans for you. Therefore, finish your race of faith strong by walking blameless before the LORD, believing the promises of the LORD, and obeying the LORD. Thank you in advance for trusting that your last years can be your most impactful years for the Kingdom of God!

**Thank you for your willingness to *Look, Listen, and Live*
for The LORD in this season of your life.**

Holy Imagination Prayer Guide

Read and Meditate on and over Jeremiah 33:3 and Ephesians 3:20-21

- **Jeremiah 33:3:** "Call upon Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you know not."
- **Ephesians 3:20-21:** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- ❖ Pray and ask the LORD to please show you the great and mighty things He wants to do in and through your life. Think and pray through your personal life, work life, family life, and church life. Use your holy imagination to dream of ways God may want to use you to share and show His love to others. Just ask Him to impress upon your heart how He wants to grow and strengthen your witness for Him! Consider the ways God may be leading you to make your last days your best days for His glory. Remember God can do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.

Journal your thoughts and dreams below....



¹Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you; ²And
I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;

And so you shall be a blessing; ³And I
will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth
will be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1-3

⁵And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

**El Shaddai means “God Almighty”,
“The Mighty One” or “The Most Sufficient One”.**

¹⁴Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

**“To walk blamelessly” means to walk uprightly,
to walk in purity and integrity!**

God says, “Walk before Me.” It means to walk and live with the awareness God is actively watching you in all you do, say, and think.

**Seniors, Abraham teaches us our last days (years)
can be our most impactful days (years)!**

Senior Saint Challenge:
Call to Pray/Holy Imagination date with God
Take a few hours this week to seek the Lord!

Who can you invest in? Who can you disciple, encourage, support, or bring to church? What can you give to advance God's Kingdom or leave in your will for the ministry and mission of Mt. Sinai?

Walking with God as His “VIP” Ambassador:(Voice, Influence, and Presence)

- Jail Ministry -VBS Helper -Harvest Seeds Worker**
- Office Volunteer -GCCBA Volunteer -Wed. Cook/cleaner**
- Mon. Morning Prayer Team -Building/Grounds volunteer**
- Bring someone to church -Join the Choir**
- Look for someone at church to encourage or check on.**
- Regularly call shut-ins to check on/pray for them.**
- Go support/encourage our children/youth at their ballgames.**
- In Sunday School, volunteer to be the class outreach or care leader.**
- Check on those who miss Sunday School.**
- Note who’s missing at church and check on them.**
- Contact the Nominating Com. about opportunities to serve at Mt. Sinai.**
- Call those on the prayer list and check on them. Pray for them.**
- Visit and invite your neighbors to church**
- Witness to those God brings across your path each day.**

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2. Believe God! (Genesis 17:2-8)

- **Names are very significant in scripture.**
- **Abram (exalted father) becomes Abraham (father of a multitude).**
- **Belief affects behavior.**

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is
and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

**What you really believe about God
will show up in your behavior!**

**Do you really believe the Promise of God?
If so, how is your behavior being affected?**



**How much are you living under your privileges
and possessions as a Kingdom citizen?**

How many promises of God have you not claimed? Pick just one this week and claim your promise from God!

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3. Obey God! (Genesis 17: 9-14, 22-27)

- Circumcision became a physical sign of the covenant.**
- Circumcision is a symbol, not a sacrament.**
- Furthermore, sacraments do not confer saving grace to participants (Ephesians 2:8-9).**

¹⁶So circumcise your heart, and stiffen
your neck no longer.

Deuteronomy
10:16

**Believer's baptism by immersion is a symbol/
picture of being buried with Christ and raised
up in Christ!**

**It pictures our death to sin and our new life in
Christ.**

Sermon in a Sentence:

While you wait, walk blamelessly before God!

Senior Saints' Sermon in a Sentence:

**With Christ, your last days can be your most
impactful days!**

Application:

- 1. In what ways are you walking before the Lord blamelessly? Do you need to start a new walk with God today? If so, Start now!**
- 2. How many promises of God have you failed to possess? Go to getquestions.org and read these articles to review God's promises to you: "What Are The Promises of God?", "What are The Greatest Promises in the Bible?", "What Are Some of the Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises of God?"**
- 3. Faith@Home: Discuss what your tendency is when it comes to waiting on God. What lessons did you learn from Genesis Chapters 15-17 concerning waiting on God?**
- 4. When it comes to obeying God, in what ways are you dragging your feet and delaying obedience? Read Genesis 17:22-27 and note how faith and obedience go hand in hand. Determine this week to obey God immediately!**
- 5. Senior Saints, plan time this week to do your "Call to Pray" and "Holy Imagination Sheet."**