

“Worth the Wait!”

Genesis Chapter 15:1-6, Chapter 16; Isaiah 40:31

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**Two things that go together in scripture:
faith and waiting and waiting and faith!**

1. The Dangers and Disasters of “not waiting” on the Lord!

- God’s promise to Abram (Genesis 15:1-6)**
- Abram’s dilemma (Genesis 16:1-3)**

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,
“Do not fear, Abram,
I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great.”² Abram said,
“O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am
childless, and

the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.” ⁴Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.”

⁵ And 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.” ⁶ Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

¹⁶I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

**What are you “waiting on” in the Lord?
What has God promised you?**

God's Promises for you:

1. A Hope, Future, and His Presence!

(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

- God has a plan and purpose for your life.**
- Satan also has a plan and purpose for your life.**
(John 10:10)

Challenge:

- Get alone with God and seek Him with all your heart.**
- Take your Bible and read scriptures on God's will.**
- Use gotquestions.org to find scriptures on God's will for your life.**

Articles (gotquestions.org):

- **“How can I know God’s will for my life?”**
- **“What is God’s plan for my life?”**
- **“How can I know what God’s plan is?”**

God's Promises for you:

- 2. Direction, Guidance, and Disclosure
(Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 32:8; Jeremiah 33:3)**
- 3. Comfort and Strength (Isaiah 41:10)**
- 4. Provision (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19)**
- 5. Freedom (John 8:31-36)**
- 6. Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)**
- 7. Salvation/Eternal Life (John 3:16-17, 17:3)**

**Human reasoning will begin to build a case
against your faith in God and His promises.**

God's "waiting room" is not a passive place, but a purposeful place. God is growing your character and witness for Him!

**-Whenever God makes a promise,
faith believes it,
hope anticipates it, and
patience quietly awaits it.**

Life lesson for Abram and Sarai:

- Whenever you bypass God's will and God's timing, it will cost you a hefty price!

Be patient, “wait on the Lord!” Wait on His timing and wait on His promise!

Human Reasoning vs. God's Truth and Faith

- 1. Tithing - Malachi 8:7-12**
- 2. Sex - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; Exodus 20:14; Genesis 2:24**
- 3. Stealing - Exodus 20:15**
- 4. Lying - Exodus 20:16**
- 5. Coveting - Exodus 20:17**
- 6. Be Different (Separate) - 2 Corinthians 6:17**
- 7. Gender/Image/Truth - Genesis 1:27; John 4:23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**

**Life Lesson: Doing God's will God's way
always brings God's blessing!!!**

**2. The Delights and Pleasures of
“Waiting on the Lord!”
(Isaiah 40:31)**

- **Waiting = Look, hope, trust, and expect.**
- **Waiting on God’s will God’s way is always worth the wait!**

³¹Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

God promises when you “wait on Him” He will renew your strength (exchange His power for your weakness) so that you will be able to:

- “Mount up” (raise above your circumstances)**
- “Run” (fulfill your God given purpose)**
- “Walk” (meet your daily demands)**

Sermon in a Sentence:

Wait on the Lord, because God's will done God's way is always worth the wait!!!

Application:

1. Write down the promises of God you are waiting on. Write down the promises of God you are currently enjoying.
2. Plan a time to get alone with the Lord to seek Him with all your heart concerning His will for your life. Use the articles from *gotquestions.org* referenced in the message.
3. Faith@Home: Share with your family or a friend the ways human reasoning of the culture is tempting you to doubt God's promises and plans for you.
4. Meditate and memorize Isaiah 40:31. Write down how God is speaking to you through this passage.
5. Read your Bible Monday-Saturday this week. That's six days in a row. Read the Book of Ephesians, one chapter a day.

¹Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised. ²So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore

to him, Isaac. ⁴Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷And she said,

“Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

Genesis 21:1-8