

Why Is God Making Me Wait?

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When you find yourself in this place, you are in good company. All throughout Scripture there are people who were called by God and waited a long time in-between the promise and its fulfillment. Examples from Scripture:

- Joseph waited 15 years
- David waited about 15 years
- Abraham waited 25 years
- Moses waited 40 years
- Noah waited 120 years
- God waiting hundreds of years to send His promised Messiah
- Jesus Himself waited 30 years to start His public ministry
- Jesus, during His public ministry, waiting until it was the proper time to reveal true identity
- Jesus waiting three days to come back from the dead

God was at work in their waiting and He is at work in yours.

God gave him a promise when he was 75 years old

"The LORD said to Abram, 'Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.'" - Genesis 12:1-3 NLT

1. God Is Doing Something In You

God is actually more concerned about what He is doing in you than where He is taking you

"This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations."- Genesis 17:4-5 NLT

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."- James 1:2-4 NLT

2. God Is Doing Something Through You

God does not waste any season of our lives. The waiting is never purposeless. There is purpose in your current season

"When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them at Dan. There he divided his men and attacked during

the night. Kedorlaomer's army fled, but Abram chased them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives." - Genesis 14:14-16 NLT

You have so much influence with those who wait in the same rooms as you

3. God Is Doing Something For You

In the waiting, you can trust that God is working for you.

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal." - Genesis 16:1-2 NLT

"Then God said to Abraham, "Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants. Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?" So Abraham said to God, "May Ishmael live under your special blessing!" But God replied, "No—Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you. You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him and his descendants as an everlasting covenant." - Genesis 17:15-19 NLT

Don't compromise. You aren't done. You're just in the waiting

"All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously, people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them." – Hebrews 11:13-16 NLT

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." - 2 Peter 3:9 NLT