

September 24th – Wait on the Lord

*“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:29-31)*

I don't know about you, but I'm not a very patient person. I consider myself to be pretty driven and determined – I don't like to wait for things to get done. If you're like me, I think it's fair to say that we're not the only ones responsible for our impatience. Our culture has conditioned us to despise waiting. A fast food chain released a jingle several years ago that said, “Your way, right away.” To this day, some pizza delivery companies will give you the pizza if it's not there in 30 minutes or less!

Waiting on pizza is one thing, but have you ever had to wait on God. If you've been following Jesus for any amount of time, I bet you've had times when you asked God to do something. You read the words of Jesus to “ask, seek, and knock” (Matt. 7:7), so you didn't give up – you persevered in your praying. But no matter how frequently or fervently you prayed, it just seemed like God didn't hear you because nothing was happening.

Trust me – it's happened before and it will happen again. In those times when you're eager for God to answer, learn to wait on Him. God has taught me some of my greatest lessons while I was waiting on Him. He has matured me more as a child of God while waiting on Him than at any other time. I promise you this – if you prayerfully and patiently wait on God, soon you will find yourself soaring with eagles, running with the energized, and walking with the faithful. Let me tweak momma's advice – “The best things in life come to those who wait ON THE LORD.”