

**Between Earth and Heaven**  
**Series: Living in Between**  
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No one likes to wait...

**WAITING ON THE LORD IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE.**

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Psalm 37:7*

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. Luke 2:25*

*It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the LORD's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign LORD, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace." Luke 2:26-29*

*There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38*

*Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:23-25.*

*"Yes, I am coming soon." Revelation 22:20*

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4*

What God does in us while we wait is as important as what it is we're waiting for.

**WAITING ON THE LORD REQUIRES A TRUSTING HEART**

Three requirements to waiting on the Lord...

**Waiting On The Lord Requires Patient Trust**

*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the LORD a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The LORD is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:8-9*

**Waiting On The Lord Requires Confident Humility**

The fruit of righteousness will be peace. The effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. Isaiah 32:17

- Confidence: the conviction that God is able
- A fearless/courageous orientation towards the future and, oddly, quietness.

**It Is Important For Us To Learn How To Recognize God's Voice**

For in hope we were saved. Hope that is seen, Paul wrote, is not hope, for who hopes for what is seen?

*Even youths will faint and be weary and the young will fall exhausted. There is a limit to the strength of the strongest human being. But they that wait upon 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 40:30-31*