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# Waiting on God

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## ISAIAH 40:31 NKJV

But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew *their* strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like  
eagles, They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.

WAIT

To expect, hope or eagerly look for.

# STATISTICS IN SHIPPING 2020:

- Over 20 billion packages shipped in US.
- 70% increase of shipping packages.
- 56% of Gen X-ers and 55% of millennials preferred online over stores.
- 97% considered same day shipping as being fast.
- 95% of people consider next day shipping as being fast.

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,<sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,<sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

<sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,



## ACTS 1:1–14 NKJV

<sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

## ACTS 1:1-14 NKJV

<sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

TRUTH

Waiting on God requires patience and trust.

# TRUTH

When We wait on God we are acknowledging that God knows what He is doing in our situations.

## ACTS 1:8 NKJV

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## GALATIANS 5:22–23 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

# TRUTH

Waiting on the Lord reminds us that God is completely in charge and I am not.



# WAITING ON GOD IS NOT:

1. Escaping our troubles
2. A passive act or staying still
3. Doing nothing
4. An act of avoidance or resignation.

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# TRUTH

Waiting is part of the process of becoming everything that God wants us to become.

# TRUTH

Sometimes God has us wait to help us learn to trust Him.

## PSALM 130:5–6 NKJV

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. <sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

## HABAKKUK 2:1-3 NKJV

I will stand my watch And set myself on  
the rampart, And watch to see what He  
will say to me, And what I will answer  
when I am corrected.

## HABAKKUK 2:1-3 NKJV

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said:  
“Write the vision And make it plain on  
tablets, That he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup> For the vision is yet for an appointed  
time; But at the end it will speak, and it  
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it;  
Because it will surely come, It will not  
tarry.

# QUESTION

Do we trust God to do in His own timing with only He can do?

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## PSALM 27:13-14 NKJV

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.<sup>14</sup>  
Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;  
Wait, I say, on the Lord! Do we trust God to do in His own timing with only He can do?



## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 ESV

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.