

While You're Waiting

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The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." John 2:1-4 NLT

While you're waiting, God is working.

For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! Isaiah 64:4 NLT

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28-29

- Sometimes God is working on *it*. (Romans 8:28)
- Sometimes God is working on *you*. (Romans 8:29)

Don't waste the waiting. (Luke 2:41-52)

- Study the Word of God. (v. 46-47)
- Pursue God and discover who you are. (v.49)
- Get busy with the Father's business. (v. 49)
- Learn to honor God with your obedience. (v. 51)
- Grow while you wait. (v. 52)

Just because God feels silent, doesn't mean He's absent.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified... ²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." John 12:23, 27-28

Let's Connect

- Is it easy or difficult for you to wait?

Let's Talk About It

Sometimes, the most challenging part of living out our faith is waiting. Are you waiting on God for something in your life? It may be hard to imagine, but Jesus knows what it's like to wait. But even in the waiting, we can trust that God is at work to bring about His plan and fulfill His purpose.

John 2:1-4; Isaiah 64:4; Romans 8:28-29; Luke 2:41-52; Isaiah 55:8-9; John 12:23, 27-28; 2 Peter 3:9

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Isaiah 64:4. How does it feel to know that God is at work while we wait?
- Read John 2:3-4. What can you learn from Jesus about patiently waiting for God's timing and not taking matters into your own hands? Why is it so hard for us to do?
- Share about a time when God answered a prayer you had been waiting on. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?
- Read John 12:23-28. What is something you're waiting for right now? What are you doing to grow closer to God while you're waiting for Him to answer? What would surrendering this situation look like for you?

Take a Step

When you find yourself moving faster than God is moving, what would it look like for you to surrender that situation to God?

Here's My Prayer

Father, You are always on time, even when it feels like You're behind or late. Thank You for faithfully showing up and giving me what I need when I need it. Please show me how I can seek You in the waiting. In Jesus' name, amen.