

Dreaming.....Again Waiting....Patiently

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WHEN IS WAITING PATIENTLY AN ACT OF FAITH?

1. When You Can’t Control Your Circumstances

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WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER WHILE I’M WAITING?

1. Remember God Rewards Patience

‘Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing IF we don’t get discouraged and give up.’ Galatians 6:9

2. Remember God Rewards Stewardship

"The master was full of praise. Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" Matthew 25:21

3. Remember This is Not the End of the Story

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"I know what I am planning for you 'says the Lord. I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I'll give you hope and a good future!" Jeremiah 29:11

HOW DO I TRUST GOD DURING A DELAY?

1. Wait Expectantly

"...I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised." Psalms 130:5

"No one who waits for my help will be disappointed." Isaiah 49:23

2. Wait Without Complaining

"Don't grumble about each other, my brothers and sisters, or God will judge you. Remember, the great Judge is coming. He is standing at the door!" James 5:9

3. Wait Confidently

"Those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint!" Isaiah 40:31

"The Lord isn't being slow in keeping his promise to return. Instead, he's waiting on you, being patient with you, because he doesn't want anyone to be lost and perish. Instead he is giving you time to change your heart and turn to him!" 2 Peter 3:9