

SARAH: A STORY OF WAITING

Women of the Bible Message Series Week 1

Genesis 16:1-16, 18:10-15, 21:1-14

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How to wait on God:

1. Don't attempt to help God out. (Genesis 16:1-16)

- It only leads to regret and consequences for you and others.
- “Good morning! This is God. I will be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help so have a great day.”

2. Trust God. (Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 27:13-14)

- Trust even when it looks like God is not working or is silent.

...for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

3. Be encouraged; God's purposes will prevail.

(Psalm 33:11; Job 42:1-2)

- Despite you not waiting on God, His plans for you will prevail.

4. Wait with anticipation and hope. (Genesis 18:14)

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have **hope**:
Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail. They are new every
morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The
LORD is my portion; therefore I will **wait** for him." The
LORD is good to those whose **hope** is in him, to the one
who seeks him; it is good to **wait** quietly for the
salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:21-26 (NIV)