

THE POWER OF WAITING ON GOD

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (August 4, 2024)

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD

1. THERE'S A NATURAL DELAY BETWEEN PLANTING & HARVESTING!

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... A time to plant and a time to harvest...a time to scatter and a time to gather..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

2. THERE'S AN UNSEEN BATTLE GOING ON.

"We are not struggling and fighting against human beings but against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm—the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness." Ephesians 6:12 (TEV)

3. GOD IS PREPARING ME FOR HIS BLESSING.

"There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These troubles test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure, just as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold." 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

"Waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We don't see what is enlarging us, but the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy. Meanwhile, when we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He prays in us and for us... He knows us far better than we know ourselves, and knows our pregnant condition... That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." Romans 8:24-28 (MSG)

4. I'M IN GOOD COMPANY WHEN WAITING ON GOD.

"People who lived in the past became famous because of their faith." Hebrews 11:2 (ICB)

5. GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

God says, "At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting—it will happen!" Habakkuk 2:3 (CEV)

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING ON GOD

1. WRITE DOWN THE LESSONS I'M LEARNING.

"At the Lord's direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress." Numbers 33:2a (NLT)

"Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him." Deuteronomy 11:2a (TEV)

2. ACT AS THOUGH I ALREADY HAVE IT.

Jesus said, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24 (NIV)

3. IMITATE THE HABITS THAT GROW STRONG FAITH.

"We do not want you to become lazy, but to IMITATE those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)

Paul: "KEEP ON putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing." Philippians 4:9a (NLT)

DON'T PUT MY LIFE ON HOLD!

(1) KEEP ON PRAYING: "Keep on asking, and you WILL be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you WILL find. Keep on knocking, and the door WILL be opened!" Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

(2) KEEP ON SERVING: "Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically." Romans 12:11 (NLT)

(3) KEEP ON GOING TO SMALL GROUP: "Don't give up your habit of meeting with other believers. Instead keep on encouraging each other!" Hebrews 10:25

(4) KEEP ON SOWING: "Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which ones will grow—perhaps they all will!" Ecclesiastes 11:6 (LB)

(5) KEEP ON BELIEVING: "You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true..." 2 Timothy 3:14 (LB)

4. TRUST GOD instead of PANICKING.

"Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you." Psalm 56:3 (CEV)

Questions for discussion

1. Why do you think God allows delays and waiting in our life for our spiritual growth and for His answer to our prayers?
2. Why is it important to remember what God teaches us through His Word, and what are some of practical ways to remember the lessons?
3. One of the characteristics of living by faith is to act as though we already have it (what we ask of God in our prayer). Share some practical ways to act in faith.
4. Waiting on God is not a passive, but an active attitude of faith. List five things we can keep doing as we wait on God for His timing as we have learned in the message. What do you need to begin/keep doing personally to show that you are waiting on God?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
