

WAITING – MORE THAN JUST PASSING TIME

Patience is no simply the ability to wait – it is how we behave while we’re waiting.

What is God waiting for? He could change us and give us everything we need but instead asks us to wait. It is more than just passing time; God has a purpose in building our faith and showing his faithfulness.

1. Complete the sentence below as many times as you want. Your answers can be practical, spiritual or even outlandish.

I am waiting for

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2. Which of your statements from the previous question are you willing or hesitant to bring to God in prayer and why?

3. When was there a time in your life that required you to attest to something greater than yourself?

Who or what did you attest to and what were you hoping for or what were you hoping would happen?

4. Read these Verses below and choose to the ones you hope to identify with the most and share with your group why you felt lead to choose those verses.

Lamentations 3:25 ESV. The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Psalm 27:14 ESV. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Habakkuk 2:3 ESV. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Isaiah 40:31 ESV. But they who wait for 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.

Psalm 130:5-6 ESV. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

5. Identifying with those verses requires being a refugee who is desperately waiting on God. What reoccurring thoughts, actions, or feelings lead you to believe you are a refugee and what actions or thoughts try to hide your status as refugee?

6. Finish this sentence as many times as you want in the same manner as question one.

I hope for

7. Read Romans 8:18-25. Compare what you wrote for the question above to what Paul wrote in Romans, are the hopes Paul's describes encompassed within or similar to yours? Are your hopes helping you or deterring you to wait on God?

8. What can you change this week that nourishes your relationship to God helping you wait on him?

Prayer Requests: