

Sermon Study Guide



“Hello...God” Series

#2: When God Answers “WAIT”

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In this 4-part sermon series, we examine how we respond to God’s answer to our prayers.

Reflect

What things in life do you find difficult to wait for? Why?

Read and Discuss

God often tells us to wait in response to our prayer requests. The plans of God often develop slowly because His grand designs are never hurried. Sometimes to wait for God’s answer to your request is worse than if He would simply answer, “No.” Here are four things to remember when God’s answer to your request is, “Wait.”

1. **Remember that it is good to wait.** Read Lamentations 3:25-26. What’s the reason why this passage says that waiting is good? What usually happens when you are in a hurry and impatient in doing something? Why does a “restless heart” usually lead to a “reckless life”? What calms you down when you start panicking because of waiting?
2. **Remember to rest in the Lord.** Read Psalm 37:7. What is the psalmist’s instruction in this verse? Share one thing that you are worried about these days. How can you not worry about that specific thing that you are worried about, but be relaxed and rested in the Lord as you wait? How does waiting play into every single one of the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23? How does waiting for God’s answer to your prayer request and allowing Him to control the situation enhance your relationship with Him and at the same time give you strength (Isaiah 40:31)?
3. **Remember to focus on God and His word.** Read Psalm 130:5. What should you do while waiting for God’s answer according to this verse?

Share what you usually do to make waiting worthwhile for you in the midst of traffic, doctor’s appointments, or waiting for the pandemic to be over. What are the things you can do so that you can focus on the Lord while waiting for your prayer request to be answered?

4. **Remember that God has not forgotten you.** Read Micah 7:7. How do you respond to a long wait? Have you ever thought that God might have forgotten you? Why? Are you waiting for God to deal with the evil people in this world? Why do you have to be patient in waiting for His response? How does the fact that God has not forgotten you encourage you?

Respond

In Walk: When God answers, “Wait,” that is your assignment—to wait. Regardless of how long you are waiting, remember that it is good to wait. While waiting, rest in the Lord; focus on Him and His Word. Remember that He has not forgotten you. What is it that you have been waiting for God to act on? What do you do while waiting? Have you tried resting on Him and allowing Him to control the situation?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the lesson on waiting. Thank You that You allow me to wait so that I may learn important lessons in life and in my relationship with You. Lord, may You help me to enjoy the task and the process of waiting. And may I be drawn closer to You while waiting. Thank You that you know what is best for me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.