

WAITING ON GOD & SUBMISSION IS VITAL TO INTIMACY WITH GOD

- JOHN 11 (LAZARUS)
(Also: Job, Joseph- 13 years of trials, David- 17 years to be king, Abraham- 25 years until Isaac, Moses- 40 years in the wilderness)
- WAITING IS ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS GOD MAKES US DO, BUT IN THE END WE ARE FAR BETTER OFF FOR IT. (PSALM 66:8-12 , ISAIAH 43:1-5)
 - "BUT THOSE WHO HOPE (WAIT) IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT."
- ISAIAH 40:31
 - "WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART & WAIT FOR THE LORD."
- PSALM 27:14
 - "GIVE EAR TO MY WORDS, O LORD, CONSIDER MY SIGHING. LISTEN TO MY CRY FOR HELP, MY KING AND MY GOD, FOR TO YOU I PRAY. IN THE MORNING, O LORD, YOU HEAR MY VOICE; IN THE MORNING I LAY MY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU AND WAIT IN EXPECTATION."
- PSALM 5:1-3
 - "WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD."
- PSALM 33:20
 - "MY SOUL WAIT IN SILENCE FOR GOD ONLY-- FOR MY HOPE IS IN HIM."
-PSALM 62:5 (Also see PHIL. 2:14)
 - "WAIT FOR THE LORD AND KEEP HIS WAY. HE WILL EXALT YOU TO INHERIT THE LAND."
- PSALM 37:34
- OTHERS' STRUGGLES WHILE WAITING: PSALM 13, 22 ; LAM. 3:19-26 ; HAB. 1
- **ISAIAH 60:22b** - WHEN GOD IS READY HE MOVES STRONGLY & SWIFTLY
- A PROMISE FOR THOSE WHO WILL TRUST IN & WAIT FOR GOD:
 - "...GOD... WHO ACTS ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM."
- ISAIAH 64:4 (Also see PSALM 40:1-4)
- REASONS WHY WE SHOULD WAIT ON GOD:
 - TO RECEIVE GOD'S DIRECTION AND WISDOM FOR OUR LIFE (Is. 58:11, Jer. 29:11)
 - TO KEEP IN STEP WITH GOD'S PLANS & TIMING (BE ONE WITH HIM)
 - GOD MAY NEED TO PREPARE US FIRST BEFORE HE ANSWERS (Isaiah 49:2)
 - TO STRETCH & STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH (TO TEACH US TO TRUST HIM)
 - GOD WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR US (Isaiah 48:17,18 ; 55:8,9)

- WE NEED TO LEARN TO WAIT ON GOD, AND LEARN THAT:
 - GOD IS NOT IN A HURRY !!! (HE WANTS IT DONE RIGHT, NOT DONE QUICKLY)
 - HE HAS HIS TIME AND HIS WAY (ACTS 1:7) (II PETER 3:8) (PSALM 75:2)
 - FAITH STRENGTHENS WITH USE
 - INSTANT ANSWERS DO NOT MATURE US
 - PATIENCE IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS:
(GOD WANTS TO MAKE US COMPLETE & WHOLE) (JAMES 1:2-4)
 - WAITING DURING TRIALS IS GOOD TRAINING: (HEBREWS 12) (MAL. 3:3)
(IT BUILDS CHARACTER & BUILDS OUR HOPE) (ROMANS 5:3) (ISAIAH 49:23)
(GOD WANTS TO TRANSFORM US TO BE LIKE JESUS) (ROM. 8:29) (2 COR. 2:18)
 - WE NEED TO LEARN SUBMISSION (JAMES 4:6-8,10) (ISAIAH 1:19,20)
 - GOD WANTS US TO BE ONE WITH HIM AND INTIMATE WITH HIM
 - “ SPIRITUAL CONFUSION” - OSWALD CHAMBERS
 - “ GETTING INTO GOD’S STRIDE” - OSWALD CHAMBERS

- WAITING ON GOD MEANS:
 - TRUSTING IN HIM
 - RESTING IN HIM (MATTHEW 11:28-30)
 - HOPING IN HIM (ISAIAH 49:23)
 - WAITING WITH HIM (HEBREWS 13:5,6)
 - SEEKING HIM AND HIS WILL
 - GETTING RIGHT WITH HIM
 - SUBMITTING TO HIM (PSALM 16:8-11) (ISAIAH 66:2-4)

“IF THE REQUEST IS WRONG: GOD SAYS “NO”
 IF THE TIMING IS WRONG: GOD SAYS “SLOW”
 IF YOU ARE WRONG: GOD SAYS “GROW”
 BUT IF THE REQUEST IS RIGHT, THE TIMING IS RIGHT, AND YOU ARE RIGHT:
 GOD SAYS “GO”