



How to Stop Hating Waiting

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1. Biblically, waiting is our PLACE, not our PUNISHMENT.

Lamentations 3:22-26

"What he asks of us, in the way of surrender, obedience, desire and trust, is all comprised in this one word: waiting on Him, waiting for His salvation. It combines the deep sense of our entire helplessness and our perfect confidence that our God will work all in His divine power."

– Andrew Murray, *Waiting*

Three basic ideas of the word "wait" in our English language:

- to PAUSE, to delay (**time**)
 - hurry – to RUSH (opposite)
- to expect, to ANTICIPATE (**attitude**)
 - hurry – PANIC (hyper)
- to stay, to REMAIN (**location**)
 - hurry – ACCELERATE (opposite)



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Time:

- *Hebrews 6:15*
- *Galatians 5:22*

Attitude:

- *Psalm 27:14*
- *Psalm 40:1*
- *Luke 3:15*
- *Romans 8:19*
- *Romans 8:23, 25*

Location:

- *Psalm 33:20*
- *Psalm 106:13*

2. Waiting is CRUCIAL to following Jesus.

Psalm 130:5, 6



Because He sees it all, waiting on God often means that what He has for us is categorically DIFFERENT and BETTER than our agenda for what we want Him to do for us.

"Living successfully in the Kingdom of God requires mastering the rare art of waiting well."

– Jerome Daley, *When God Waits – Making Sense of Divine Delays*

"Hating waiting" and living life from one hurried day to the next is diametrically OPPOSED to the Great Commandment – loving God with all of your everything and loving people as yourself.

"Hurry and love are incompatible."

– John Mark Comer, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World*



3. There are first steps to take towards "WAITING WELL"

Isaiah 26:8

First steps for you to engage this week:

- begin to develop CONFIDENCE that God is sovereign & purposeful over every area of your life
- make waiting ACTIVE SURRENDER to the Spirit's leadership
- begin PRACTICING waiting

"...it's wise to regularly deny ourselves from getting what we want, whether through a practice as intense as fasting or as minor as picking the longest checkout line. That way when somebody else denies us from getting what we want, we don't respond with anger. We're already acclimated. We don't have to get our way to be happy."

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