

## God's Time Frame

We are all waiting for something. God rarely does things according to our timeframe. Waiting has a way of bringing out the best and worst in people. This whole week the Lord has been speaking to me about waiting and His time frame.

Most people don't like to wait. We are always in a rush to get to the next place or the next thing. Waiting for something takes a whole lot of patience. I think we can all admit that sometimes it takes a lot more out of us to wait than to actually do something about it and waiting is anything but easy.

Time frame means a period of time, especially a specified period in which something planned takes place. Do you see? Planned to take place. What you are waiting for will happen because it has a planned time to take place.

*"Your waiting is not a passive loss of time. Your waiting is an active mode of faith. Waiting is faith in motion even when you feel like you're standing still or haven't moved an inch. When you wait on Me, I am well pleased because waiting is faith in action, and without faith it is impossible to please me."*

A few years ago the Lord gave me this picture about waiting:

*There were various waiting rooms. Each of those waiting rooms were different in sizes. I guess the bigger ones meant we would be waiting there longer. They all had one chair and two doors. One door was our door and we were free to enter and leave if we wanted. The other door was beautiful and it was God's only it didn't have a knob on our side to open it. If we waited on Him we got to see what was on the other side of it.*

The waiting rooms of your life is where your faith is challenged most. Waiting rooms....don't you just love the thought of them (insert sarcasm here). In the natural I don't like waiting rooms at all. However, I am hoping that after today, you and I will view our waiting room, whether in the natural or spiritual, in eternally different ways. Here is what He showed me:

- Each waiting room has significant purposes (yes plural) for your life.
- Each waiting room has good purposes and heavenly purposes behind the waiting.
- Each waiting room brings different results to your life emotionally, spiritually and in the natural.
- Each waiting room is where He is deeply at work within you in every area of your life. Yes, every area!!! When you wait on something it affects other areas. If you rush the process you miss out on the fullness of what He wants to do in you.
- Each waiting room is where He is actively strengthening you as your trust in Him continues to develop..
- Each waiting room is an opportunity to learn new things about Him.
- Each waiting room is preparation for whatever is ahead because whatever you discover here you get to take it with you now and in eternity.

Oh my Friend, waiting is powerful because you are relying on God's power to get you through. Waiting has a unique way of rubbing off the rough edges of your life. It really is a place where you are changed and His desired results come to your life.

In waiting upon God, your eyes are opened to believe in His wise and sovereign will. The Bible is full of truths regarding the one who waits on God ( I've attached a few of them at the end of this). So friends, it is good that we should both hope and quietly wait on the Lord.

It is only when we put our hope in Christ that we can wait with confidence and know we will not be put to shame. I wonder if that's where the saying "Good things come to those wait." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf6K83MTFmI>

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#### Passages on Waiting

- Genesis 49:18 I have waited for Your salvation, O Lord.
- Psalm 25:3 Let none that wait on You be ashamed.
- Psalm 25:4-5 Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me: for You are the God of my salvation; on You do I wait all day.
- Psalm 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait for You.
- Psalm 27:14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord.
- Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who wait for the Lord.
- Psalm 33:20, 22 Our soul waits for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we wait for You.
- Psalm 37:7, 9 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him... Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.
- Psalm 37:34 Wait on the Lord and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land.
- Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- Psalm 59:9 I will wait for You, oh You my strength, for God is my defense.
- Psalm 62:1 Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.
- Psalm 62:5-6 My soul, wait silently for God alone; my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation.
- Psalm 106:13 They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel.
- Psalm 130:5-6 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning yes, more than they that watch for the morning.
- Isaiah 8:17 I will wait upon the Lord, that hides His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him.
- Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Look, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.
- Isaiah 26:8-9 Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O Lord, have we waited for You. The desire of our soul is for Your name. With my soul I have desired You in the night. Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early.
- Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; blessed are all those who wait for Him.
- Isaiah 40:31 They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.
- Isaiah 49:23 You will know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me.
- Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.
- Lamentations 3:25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.
- Lamentations 3:26 It is good that one should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.
- Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.
- 22Hosea 12:6 So you, by the help of your God, return; observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually