

## Waiting on God– Part 2

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### How should we wait on the Lord?

1. **We wait with expectation and hope.**  
**(Psalm 5:1-3, 33:20-22; 27:13-14)**

“A holy, joyful expectancy is of the very essence of true waiting. And, this is not only true in reference to the many varied requests every believer has to make, but most especially to the one great petition which ought to be the chief thing every heart seeks for itself—that the life of God in the soul may have full sway. That Christ may be fully formed within, and that we may be filled to all the fullness of God. This is what God has promised. This is what God’s people too little seek, very often because they do not believe it possible. This is what we ought to seek and dare to expect, because God is able and waiting to work it in us.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 112.

“One of the chief needs in our waiting upon God, one of the deepest secrets of its blessedness and blessing, is a quiet, confident persuasion that it is not in vain. Have courage and believe that God will hear and help.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 39.

2. **We wait with patience and quietness.  
(Psalm 37:7, 40:1, Lamentations 3:24-26)**

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.’ Yes, *for* Him. Seek not only the help, the gift, seek Himself; wait for Him. Give God His glory by resting in Him, by trusting Him fully, by waiting patiently for Him. This patience honors Him greatly. It leaves Him, as God on the throne, to do His work. It yields self wholly into His hands. It lets God *be* God. If your waiting is for some special request, wait patiently. If your waiting is more an exercise of the spiritual life seeking to know and have more of God, wait patiently. Whether it is in the shorter specific periods of waiting, or as the continuous habit of the soul, rest in the Lord, be still before the Lord, and wait patiently.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 53.

“Patience then becomes our highest blessedness and our highest grace. It honors God, and gives Him time to have His way with us. It is the highest expression of our faith in His goodness and faithfulness. It brings the soul perfect rest in the assurance that God is carrying on His work. It is the token of our full consent that God should deal with us in such a way and time as He thinks best. True patience is the losing of our self-will in His perfect will.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 64.

**3. Walking in obedience to God's Word.  
(Psalm 27:34, Isaiah 26:8)**

“When waiting on God, we need to be very careful that we keep His ways; outside of these we never can expect to find Him.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 55.

“It is our God who has made His way known in His Word for our conduct, and invites our confidence for His grace and help in our heart. If we do not keep His way, our waiting on Him can bring no blessing. The surrender to a full obedience to all His will is the secret of full access to all the blessings of His fellowship.”

Andrew Murray, *Waiting on God*, Whitaker House, 1983, p. 56.

4. **Desiring God's name to be glorified.  
(Isaiah 26:8)**

“...you can live your entire life completely oblivious to the grand story of the Creator of the universe that is unfolding all around you. The same way you can spend your days making so much of someone as small and transient as you or me, and so little for someone as glorious and eternal as God...

I'm not trying to put you down or imply that you don't matter, Nor am I saying that you are absent from the grand Story of God... I'm simply stating the obvious—that the story already has a star and the star is not you or me.

And here's why it matters—if we don't get the two stories straight, everything else in our lives will be out of sync. We'll spend our days trying to hijack the Story of God, turning it into the story of us. Inverting reality, we'll live every day as though life is all about you and me. We'll live as though life is our one-act play and history *our* story—as though Creation is our habitation alone, existence our playground, and God our servant (that is, if we decide we need Him at all). We will throw every ounce of our energy into the fragmented and fleeting story of us...

And in the end—when the last clap is clapped for our tiny tale—our story will fade to black, a pitiful return on our one-shot chance called ‘life on earth.’”

Louie Giglio, *I am Not but I Know I Am*,  
Multnomah Publishers, Sisters Oregon, 2005, pp. 12-14.

“We can choose to cling to *starring* roles in the little-bitty stories of us, or we can exchange our fleeting moment in the spotlight for a supporting role in the eternally beautiful epic that is the story of God.

Think of it as trading up. Abandoning the former and embracing the latter will allow our little lives to be filled with the wonder of God as we live for His fame and the unending applause of His name. And joining our small stories to His will give us what we all want most in life anyway: the assurance that our brief moments on earth count for something in a story that never ends.”

Louie Giglio, *I am Not but I Know I Am*,  
Multnomah Publishers, Sisters Oregon, 2005, p. 15.