

Faith Fight Podcast - Patience and Waiting on God

If you have been a Christian for any period of time you would have experienced a time where you had to wait or be patient for God's perfect timing on the answer to your prayer. It could be for a job, salvation for a loved one, or if praying and believing for a spouse. Those times of waiting could seem like they are taking forever. One thing that I know is that you can trust God's timing. And when he comes through you will see why you had to wait for that time. Often it seems that he isn't answering our prayers or doesn't understand the urgency of the situation. That kind of thinking implies that God is not in control or is not fair. But God is worth waiting for. Let these verses encourage you as you wait for your blessing. It's on the way.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31 ESV

Even the strongest people get tired at times, but God's power and strength never diminish. He is never too tired or too busy to help and listen. His strength is our source of strength. When you feel all of life crushing you and you can't go another step, remember that you can call upon God to renew your strength.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! - Psalm 27:13-14 ESV

David knew from experience what it meant to wait for the Lord. Waiting on God is not easy. Make good use of your "waiting times" by discovering what God may be trying to teach you through them.

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. - Lamentations 3:23-25 ESV

Jeremiah knew from personal experience about God's faithfulness. God promised future restoration and blessing and Jeremiah knew that God would keep his promise. Trusting in God's faithfulness day by day makes us confident in His great love.

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. - Isaiah 30:18 ESV

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. - Psalm 62:5 ESV

David expresses his feelings to God and then reaffirmed his faith. Prayer can release our tensions in times of emotional stress. Trusting God to be our rock, salvation, and stronghold will change our entire outlook on life.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

If we believe that Christ has won the ultimate victory, that fact must affect the way that we live now. Don't let discouragement over lack of results keep you from working. Do the good that you have an opportunity to do, knowing that your work will have eternal results.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9 ESV

Sometimes it's discouraging to continue to do right and receive no word of thanks or see no tangible results. Paul challenged the Galatians to keep on doing good and to trust God for the results. In the right time we will see the harvest of blessing.

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. – Romans 8:24-25 NIV

Our Heavenly Father never makes promises that he can't keep but His plan may take more time that we expect. Rather than acting like impatient children as we wait for God we should place out confidence in Gods goodness and wisdom.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. - Psalm 37:7-9 ESV

Worry reveals a lack of faith in God who loves us and is in control. We shouldn't worry, instead we should trust in God. When you dwell on your problem you become more anxious and worried. But when you concentrate on Gods goodness you will find peace and his goodness. So it's all a matter on where you choose to focus your attention.

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. – Hebrews 10:36

This verse encourages us not to abandon our faith in times of trouble. Faith means resting in what Christ has for us in the past but it also means trusting him for what he will do for us in the present and future.

Weekly Prayer Plan – Patience and Waiting on God

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every Week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS** Matt 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS** Matt 6:11 “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: Isaiah 40:31

Tuesday: Psalm 27

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Thursday: Psalm 37:7-9

Friday: Romans 8:24-25

Saturday: Psalm 62

Sunday: Hebrews 10:36-39

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.