



Ever Feel Bored, While Waiting On The Lord?

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. —Isaiah 40:31

Are you feeling blah or like you need strength to go on? Have you been so busy spinning your wheels in the desert sand ..in vain.. and now you're wondering which end is up?

Hey, I've been there before, but I've found that it's better to ignore my feelings.. ignore the fruitless people that like pressuring me (..unless they're my boss), ignore the issues that I keep failing to fix ..and simply steal away for prayer early.

Ever have a lot of questions for God and feel like He is just staying away or silent in your life? Do you feel like He is far away and callously indifferent to your plea?

Ever cry out: "God, what's the hold up here?"

Man, it's hard to live with time quickly passing you sometimes huh?

I think that most Christians have been there at some time in their lives before, but you know that God can also speak to you as well.. when the time is right. He certainly loves to keep His kids informed with what they need to know, rather than keep them in some mysterious fog. He wants no one religiously ignorant.

Most of the time when the Lord speaks to me (and I don't mean in some audible booming Red Sea Parting kind of movie voice like I'm some hyper-special person..) is when I am prayerfully reading the Bible ([Heb. 10:7](#)). That's where He longs to meet with all His children regularly.

Hey, I've got some questions for you: What requests have you laid on the Lord that He has not yet responded to you about?

How do you deal with that delay? Do you feel that He doesn't love you any more? You know the devil's minions always work on trying to make you feel like that.

Is your focus too much on your immediate feelings or needs right now.. or on some frustrating impossible troubles.. or on some personal relationship issues that all seem to be blinding you to the greater purpose that God is still working out?

Do you feel like you are still on the shelf or in God's waiting room so to speak? Will you choose to trust Jesus in your circumstances and simply remain patient?

Sometimes our merciful God does not answer our immediate supplications and requests in the affirmative, because He has something greater that He is working on. He often has something more wonderful in store for us ahead! Please know that God will answer every prayer of sincere Christians. And "No" or "Wait" are also valid answers that He can give people when that is what is best for them. Believe me; He knows exactly what you need and when you need it. He knows the number of hairs (on lack of hairs) on your head. Yes, God is absolutely certain about what is primo for you each day!

As we look in the Word of God, it would appear that the term “wait” is more an attitude of the heart than an activity ..or always a non-activity of the feet. To “*wait on the Lord*” is to fully trust in Christ every moment and let Him control you. It means we aren’t lagging behind Him as He leads.. or jogging on ahead like some foolish reconnaissance scout who was never sent.

Go check out what David’s said regarding his trust in the Lord. David saw the Lord as his own personal salvation (see Ps. 27:1). In times of peril and fierce danger, David knew “deep in his knower” yes, without any equivocation at all.. that God would protectively hide him and had his best interests in mind (v.5).

He recalled how God asked him to seek His face, so David asks God not to hide *from him* in his spiritual quest after God. Like a humble little child, David longed to view God’s approving countenance (vv.8-10). He wanted closeness. In his deepest valleys and darkest moments, king David clearly made it known: “***I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living***” (v.13). David’s heart was strengthened as he waited!

I love that and the Bible also tell us, “***Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!***” (v.14).

Though no one knows how life will unfold, we can decide to trust God and to focus our mind on Him. For to those who wait on the Lord, the promise is given: Our heart will be strengthened. —A. Lee

He who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him. —Psalm 32:10, nkjv

I know not what the future holds—what in one hour may be; but I can wait while it unfolds, and trust implicitly. —Elliott

So what do you and I typically do while we wait for an answer from on high ..or for specific leading from the Lord? Do we get all anxious inside? How futile. We aren’t to run around like a chicken with it’s head cut off in presumption or fear. That would surely hurt your own walk or possibly other people. It would be a waste of time.

Hopefully, we don’t get angry at our selfless gentle Lord who bought us. Hopefully we don’t get gripey or snippy until we are all bitter and sour inside.

Here’s what we could do. We can thoroughly pour out our hearts to God in honesty. He loves candor and sincerity and He does care about how we feel. We could give ourselves to Him in selfless intercession for our neighbors around the block and for the nations. He indeed wants us all involved in reaching the lost sinners around the world (notice I don’t want to just say “sinners,” for we all are. I’m just a saved sinner and that was not of my doing. Someone interceded for me)!

I’ve noticed that the happiest people I have ever met are realistic, but they also like to get out of themselves if you will. They are constantly looking out ..and reach outwards to other people more needy than they are. They don’t reach out in a way that hurts their own family, but they are out to meet needs beyond their front door.

Got another question: How do you get anyone to love Jesus Christ when you feel that God is being too quiet to handle ..like He is totally ignoring you regarding important matters?

Well, sometimes what is way pressing for us, aint for Him. Learning to abide in Him rather than strive in the flesh is needed. First, choose to be thankful and express this upwards and outwards. Of course not all lost people will choose to love Christ, but it is by faith that we witness to those

people around us. They must see you walking in victory and hear the Good News! It's as we love and obey the Lord more than anyone and anything else.. as we live a sterling life of winsome holiness in close joyful communion with Jesus Christ ..regardless of what He does or does not do for us.. that we will make a difference.

Yes, even if He refuses to do things "our way"—for you see, He really owes us sinners nothing good when we deserved to be the ones wear a cross like a backpack, as He did in our place—we still want to obey His Spirit's every inner prompting.

And it's then, as we quiet our hearts, as we enter His rest and genuinely start to worship Him 24/7 that things being to happen right. We will then really care about others.. as we explain to em in a natural way how we've all fallen short, how we've broken His Top Ten List. It's thrilling as we teach em about true repentance minus us guiltling or condemning em, and about saving faith—yup, the whole truth of the Gospel minus lamely-pious "Christianize speak." ..that's when we will see people turn from their sinful lifestyles to Him in righteousness!

Hey gang, we can still fish for souls even while we are waiting. We can rely upon the solid Bible truths that we are sure of, even when there are so many things we just don't understand yet. I often see fishers of fish out on Lake Lewisville near my house here in Texas ..when it is totally foggy out, so why can't I do that when people's lives are in great eternal risk around me?

Hey, has God ever let you down before while you waited? Come on! Of course the answer is "No!"

You might feel like He has (Mary and Martha probably did when their beloved bro died. See [Jn. 11:32](#) They didn't know he'd have to physically die twice). We must remember that there is zero darkness or evil in God.. ever (see [1 Jn. 1:5](#)). I encourage you to memorize evangelistic verses and passages while you wait, to keep on praying fervently for each other and for your lost loved ones ([Jam. 5:16](#)) while waiting! Ask God to change and transform you; to give you a deep burden for all lost people, to mature you from the inside out; to unstop your ears that might have become dull of hearing ([Heb. 5:11](#)), and to firmly stamp eternity on your eyes and hearts ([Eccl. 3:11](#)). He can give you His own wisdom and perspective if you simply ask Him to!

I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched and dry. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me. —Psalm 69:3, nlt

I sought the Lord, and He heard me. —Psalm 34:4

We can know that God is watching, always present, everywhere, and with hope and joy and patience He is waiting for our prayer. —Roworth

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord! —Psalm 27:14

So what are you waiting for? Why not go for it 100% Christian? God is no kill-joy of a person, wanting to see you miserable while you wait for an answer from Him. He already knows His timing is precise and perfect and is waiting for you to grasp that. You can be pro-active without becoming too active. You can really count on Him and enjoy visiting together! What else will you do that's a better use of your time while you wait?

Perhaps you need to quit living a double life; quit playing around and come to Christ. You can't game God or buffalo your way in around Christ. Maybe you just need to sell out to Him completely.

You don't have to become bored when you wait on the Lord! He aint ever boring or about boredom at all. Serving Him right is exciting! You never do feel bored inside when you are visiting with a close friend do you? Listen, if you have any prayer requests or questions about establishing a prayer time ..or maybe some other [spiritual discipline](#) just let us know. At fish4souls.org click "[Contact](#)" and tell us about it! Perhaps we can help.

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