



INVITATION TO WAIT

Why Is It So Hard To Wait?

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." - Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

Waiting exposes our _____.

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.
- Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

Why Should We Wait?

1. We should wait because _____.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2. We should wait because _____.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. - Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

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

3. Waiting is an _____ to _____ in God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

How Should We Wait?

Today's Big Idea...

Wait _____ but without _____.

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." - James 4:13-15 (ESV)

Waiting expectantly does not mean _____, it means _____ to God's timing and direction.

You can't see _____, so choose to _____.

FAMILY MATTERS

Sympathy is extended to Alex, Tiffany & David Alim on the recent loss of Alex's mother.

Sympathy is extended to Lloyd & Pat Hughes on the passing of Pat's father last week.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the hardest thing you have had to wait for?
2. What are other stories in the Bible where people had to wait?
3. What are your struggles to relinquish control to God?
4. What are you needing to do to wait expectantly for God?
5. Have you ever done something because you were impatient with God?

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