

October Series:
God's Waiting Room
Lesson Two:
Is God Taking Too Long?



**“To us waiting is wasting. To
God waiting is working.”**

**Waiting can frustrate, but it can
be transforming.**

II Peter 3:8-9 (ESV), But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

God's pace has purpose, and his purpose is repentance. He is mercifully creating more space for more people to repent and turn to Him.

Waiting is a part of life and one of God's tools for developing people.

Three Things to Do When God Seems to Be Taking Too Long:

1. Keep Looking Inward

Psalm 139:23 (NLT), Search me O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

2. Keep Looking Outward

3. Keep Looking Upward

**Hebrews 12:2, Looking
unto Jesus, the author and
finisher of our faith, who for the
joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the
shame, and has sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God.**

Five Reasons God Makes Us Wait:

**1. Waiting Reveals Our True
Motives.**

2. Waiting Builds Patience in Our Lives.

We tend to think the bigger things in life are finances and possessions, while God thinks influencing and changing people are most important.

3. Waiting Builds Anticipation.

4. Waiting Transforms Our Character.

5. Waiting Builds Intimacy and Dependency Upon God.

**God never asks us to wait without
Him.**

Four Reasons Why God Ignores Our Deadlines:

1. To Increase Our Faith

**“God loves to turn crucifixions
into resurrections so you can
see His greatness.”**

2. To Increase Our Vision

**Mark 11:24, Therefore I say to you,
Whatever things you ask when you
pray, believe that you receive them,
and you shall have them.**

**"Prayer pulls the rope below and the
great bell rings above in the ears of
God."**

Charles Spurgeon

3. To Increase Our Testimony

4. To Increase Our Compassion

Isaiah 30:18, Therefore the LORD is waiting to show you mercy, and is rising to show you compassion, for the LORD is a just God. All who wait patiently for Him are happy.

God says "no", God says "slow", God says "grow", God says "go"

- When the idea is not right God says, **“No.”**
- When the time is not right, God says, **“Slow.”**
- When you are not right, God says, **“Grow.”**
- When everything is all right, God says, **“Go.”**

**The Fastest Way Is Not Always
The Best Way!**