

October Series:
God's Waiting Room
Lesson One:
Learning to Wait Well



**Are you waiting on God or
is God waiting on you?**

Bible Examples:

- **Abraham waited 25 years**
- **Joseph waited 13 years.**
- **Moses waited for 40 years**
- **The Israelites waited 40**
- **Simeon waited for the birth of the Messiah.**
- **Paul waited 3 years in Arabia.**
- **Jesus waited 30 years.**

**Waiting is a part of God's plan
and purpose in our lives.**

**God is at work while we wait.
Time is not wasted in God's
waiting room.**

Scripture Lesson
Psalms 130:1-8 (ESV)

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word, I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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The Psalmist Expresses Four Things:

- **His Desires Towards God (v. 1-2)**
- **His Repentance Before God (v. 3-4)**
- **His Attendance Upon God (v.5-6)**
- **His Expectations from God (v. 7-8)**

Four Reasons Why God Often Makes Us Wait on Him:

- **Waiting exercises our patience of faith.**
- **Waiting gives time for preparation.**
- **Waiting makes blessings sweeter when they arrive.**
- **Waiting shows the Sovereignty of God**

**I. Waiting Rooms Are Intended
Purposefully For Waiting.**

**Often inaction make us feel
uncomfortable.**

**Psalms 130:6, “My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the
morning....”**

**II. Waiting Rooms Are Where
We Hope And Pray For The
Best.**

**How do you respond in the
waiting room?**

“Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on what we are waiting for.”

**Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is being
sure of what we hope for and
certain of what we do not see.”
(NIV)**

**III. Waiting Rooms Are Where
We Are Reminded That God Is
In Control.**

**“The only way God can show us
He’s in control is to put us in
situations we cannot control.”**

**In the waiting room we either,
grow up and go on or we give
up and fall apart.**

“Second only to suffering, waiting may be the greatest teacher and trainer in godliness, maturity, and genuine spirituality most of us ever encounter.”

**During times of waiting, we
learn that the Lord sees things
that we cannot see.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV), “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

**Psalm 143:8 (NIV), Let the morning
bring me word of Your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in You. Show
me the way I should go, for to You I
entrust my life.**

**If we will wait on the Lord, we will
spend more time rejoicing and less
time being rescued.**

THREE WAYS TO WAIT WELL:

1. Devote Extra Time to Prayer.

**Romans 12:12, Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, faithful in
prayer.**

2. Praise and Thank God Repeatedly.

Psalm 147:1, Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

Psalm 106:1, Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

3. Keep Your Feet and Heart on Track.

Psalm 33:20-21, Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and shield. For our heart is glad in Him because we trust His holy name. Lamentations 3:25, “The Lord is good to those who wait on Him, to the soul who seeks Him.”

“What God does in us while we wait is as important as what it is, we are waiting for.”