

Waiting well
Part I: The full effect of waiting

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Context

Do you enjoy waiting?
 Emotive response towards *patience*?
 Modern consumers are “*Always On*”
 My recent encounter with waiting...

James 1: 1-4 NKJV

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Outline

1. Our faith tested through waiting
2. The 'full effect' of waiting patiently
3. What we are ultimately waiting for

Coming soon...
How to wait well // Keys while we wait

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What is *patience*?

Patience = Hypomonēn

Definition
A remaining behind, a patient enduring

Synonyms
Patience, endurance, steadfastness, perseverance

What is *the full effect*?

The double bottom-line of waiting well
There's a promise beneath the promise

God will sometimes give a promise for our
 ENvironment,
 because he wants to do something in our
 INvironment

The work God does while we wait

Noah
 Waited *120 years* for the predicted rains

Abraham
 Waited *25 years* for a promised son

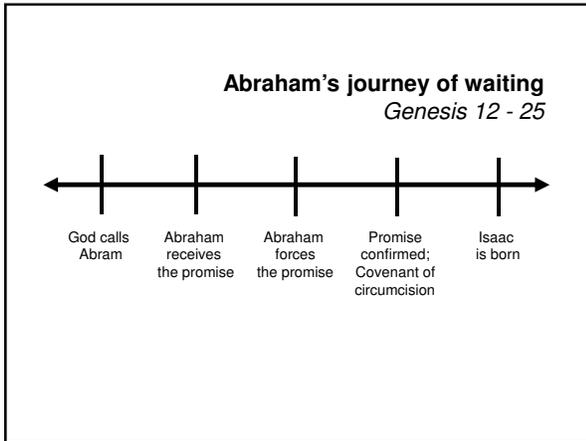
Joseph
 Waited *14 years* in prison (falsely accused)

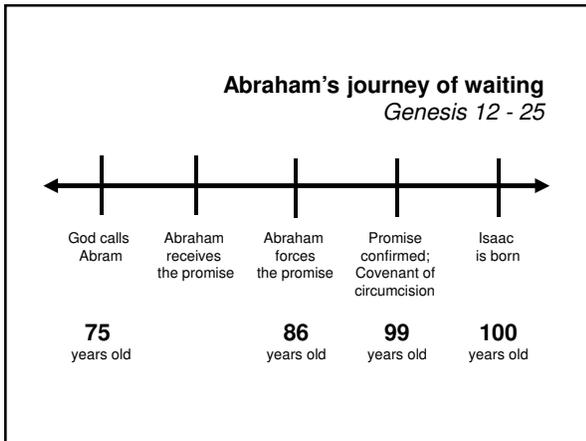
Job
 Waited *60-70 years* for God's justice

The work God does while we wait

*God prepares leaders in a slow-cooker, not
 in a microwave oven. More important than
 the awaited goal is **the work God does in
 us while we wait.***

John C. Maxwell





Hebrews 11: 8-16 NKJV

“...he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

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*“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...***

*But now **they desire** a better, that is, a **heavenly country**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”*

James 5: 7-8 NKJV

*“Therefore **be patient**, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. **You also be patient**. Establish your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**”*

While waiting for a promise, remember **the promise of waiting** and remember **what we are ultimately waiting for.**
