

HOPE



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Hebrews 6:19

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The Weight of Waiting

'..shall renew their strength'

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1. intro:

PERSISTENT PRAYER

- Persistent prayer anchors us to Christ- with unbreakable cords
- We are encouraged by “saints” who went before us in this area and who have never given up

Connection between persistent prayer and faith I

One is not possible without the other

“however when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)

intro:

PERSISTENT PRAYER

But we are also changed during the process of persistent prayer -

- Grow in holiness. (Psalm 24:3-5)
- Grow in faith; example of Abraham (Romans 4:20-21)
- Grow in patience and character (Romans 5:3-5)

Our faith is tested and established



WAITING

persistent prayer = period of waiting

Waiting part of the Christian walk



WAITING

Waiting - to stay in a place until an expected event happens, to not do something until something else happens. : to remain in a state in which you expect or hope that something will happen soon.

Two types of ‘waiting’ when it comes to Christianity -

- **Time of waiting until God’s will, Word or promise is fulfilled [Abraham; Joseph; David];**
- **A time when you become still before the Lord until He speaks, lead or where you clearly become aware of His presence, voice and will for you.. [context: daily time spent with God]**

WAITING

Old and New Testament

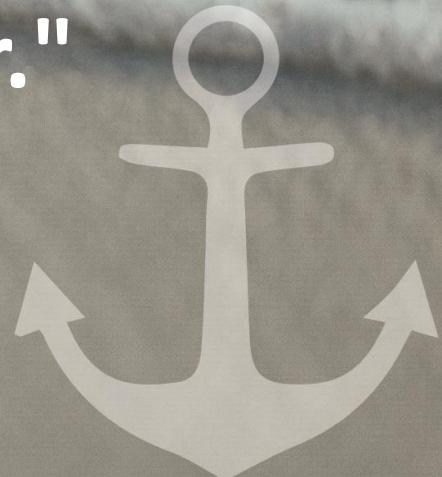
It is always about waiting expectantly and with hope. Most important part of being able to wait is trusting God's character and goodness.



Have you waited upon the Lord?

“...Prayer means not always talking to
Him, but waiting before Him till the dust
settles and the stream runs clear.”

- F.B. Meyer

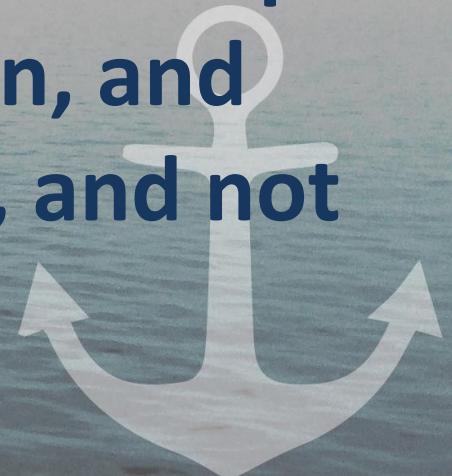


2. The Weighty Waiting:

‘Those who wait upon the Lord..’

Isaiah 40:31

KJV But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



3. The Weighty Waiting:

Isaiah 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

3. The Weighty Waiting:

Isaiah 40:31

AMP But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] Will gain new strength and renew their power; They will lift up their wings [and rise up close to God] like eagles [rising toward the sun]; They will run and not become weary, They will walk and not grow tired.



2.1 As appose to what?

There are many things that steal our or tap our strength, make us faint or fall in life...

WAITING I DOING

WAITING I GOING

WAITING I LOOKING TO ANOTHER

WAITING I TRYING, STRIVING, FLESH

WAITING IS – WHEN YOU DO,
YOU DO WITH GOD



Waiting is not doing
nothing, it is not doing
your own thing



Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.



Psalm 147:10-11 (HCSB)

He is not impressed by the strength of a horse;
He does not value the power[a] of a man. 11 The
LORD values those who fear Him, those who put
their hope in His faithful love.

**There are always other options
than waiting on God**



2.2 Why wait?

1. God's strength, ability and wisdom

2. When we wait, He works



..2. When we wait, He works

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

Isaiah 64:4 From of old no one has heard or
perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God
besides you, who acts for those who wait for
him.



When we wait, He works I TESTIMONY

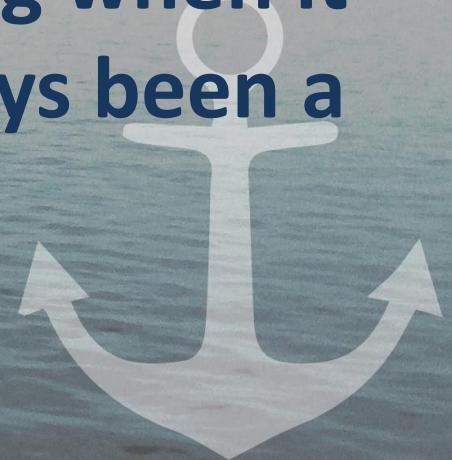
Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.



When we wait, He works

"If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord's people have always been a waiting people"

- Charles Spurgeon



3. It Changes Me:

Isaiah 40:31 KJV But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

'But they that wait'

qavah (kaw-vaw') [Hebrew]

to bind together (perhaps by twisting), i.e. collect; (figuratively) to expect -- gather (together), look, patiently, tarry, wait (for, on, upon)

3. It Changes Me: ‘But they that wait’

qavah (kaw-vaw') [Hebrew]

Wait = to bind together

**Waiting changes YOU
Binds you to Him
Anchors you to Him**



**PRAYER - Psalm 27:13 I believe that I shall
look upon the goodness of the LORD in the
land of the living! 14 Wait for the LORD; be
strong, and let your heart take courage; wait
for the LORD!**





PRAYER

MINISTRY TIME

