Wait -

for it



Lamentations 3:25-26 ESV

- The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

We don't have to <u>hate</u> waiting. In fact, waiting is a <u>gift</u> from God in your life.



Genesis 15:1-6 NLT

¹Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great."

²But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a

Genesis 15:1-6 NLT

servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." ⁴Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." ⁵Then the Lord took Abram outside

Genesis 15:1-6 NLT

and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

⁶And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Genesis 21:1-5 NLT

¹The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. ²She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. ³And Abraham named their son Isaac. ⁴Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. ⁵Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was



God built Abraham slowly, piece by piece, year by year, into a man of faith.

James 1:3-4 NLT

³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.



The waiting season isn't about God trying to frustrate you, it is about God wanting to mature you.



Genesis 22:1-2 NLT

¹Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

²"Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

This was not so much a test to produce faith, as it was a test to reveal faith.



Genesis 22:4-8 NLT

⁴On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵"Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

Genesis 22:4-8 NLT

⁶So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

⁷Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

Genesis 22:4-8 NLT

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

⁸"God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

Genesis 22:11-14 NLT

¹¹At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!"

¹²"Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

Genesis 22:11-14 NLT

¹³Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Genesis 22:16-18 NLT

¹⁶"This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that ¹⁷I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the

Genesis 22:16-18 NLT

sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed-all because you have obeyed me."

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Three things to help you mature during the waiting seasons—



Wait for it with declaration.

2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

²⁰For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.



We need to come into <u>alignment</u> and <u>agreement</u> with the Word of God and His promises.

You need to prepare for it.

John 14:3 NIV

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Wait for it with anticipation.

Romans 8:22-25 NLT

²²For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too,

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Romans 8:22-25 NLT

wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. ²⁵But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we patiently must wait and confidently.)