



*the christmas experience*

Experience God's Faithfulness



**JOYFUL WAITING!**



- Slavery in Egypt
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Battles to Enter the Promised Land
- Reign of King David
- The Prophets
- Conquered by Assyria & Babylon & Exiled
- To Under Roman Occupation

**WAITING ON  
GOD IS  
ANYTHING BUT  
EASY**



***WILL GOD KEEP HIS  
PROMISES?***



# WAITING ON GOD IS NEVER EASY

## 1. Requires Patience & Trust

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him

Psalm 62:5 NLT

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act.

Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:7 NLT



# WAITING ON GOD IS NEVER EASY

## 2. Waiting Reminds Us That God Is Control & That I Am Not

I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on Him.

I have put my hope in His word.

I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn,

yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.



# **WAITING ON GOD ALLOWS HIM TO DO HIS WORK**

## **3. God's Timing Is Best**

**The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?**

**Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.**

**"Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.**



# **WAITING ON GOD ALLOWS HIM TO DO HIS WORK**

**I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this  
complaint.**

Habakkuk 2:1 (NIV)



# WAITING ON GOD ALLOWS HIM TO DO HIS WORK

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)





### **3. WAITING ON GOD IS ALWAYS WORTH IT**

**For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment.**

**Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong.**

**But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.**

**1 Peter 2:19-20 (NLT)**



### **3. WAITING ON GOD IS ALWAYS WORTH IT**

**“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?**

**When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am**

**John 14:1-3**



# RECAP

- **Waiting on God is Never Easy**
- **The Timing Is Not Often What We Hoped For**
- **God's Answer Often Isn't Our Idea of a Perfect Fit**
- **Waiting On God Is Always Worth It**



