

HOW TO ENDURE A SEASON OF WAITING

How to Handle the Seasons of Life – Part 9 of 9

2 Peter 3:9

Why Does God make us wait?

* **It renews** _____

"They that wait upon 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."
Isaiah 50:31 (TLB)

* **It refines** _____

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us -- they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us..." Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

* **It refocuses** _____

"You have heard about Job's patience, and you know the Lord's purpose for him in the end." James 5:11 (NCV)

HOW CAN I GROW THROUGH A SEASON OF WAITING?

I. WAIT FOR THE _____

"Those who wait for me shall never be ashamed."
Isaiah 49:23 (TLB)

"For since the world began no one has seen or heard of such a God as ours, who works for those who wait for him!" Isaiah 64:4 (TLB)

"Wait and trust the LORD. Don't be upset when others get rich or when someone else's plans succeed." Psalms 37:7 (NCV)

"For since the world began no one has seen or heard of such a God as ours, who works for those who wait for him!"
Isaiah 64:4 (TLB)

II. WAIT IN A _____

"And so, after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised." Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)

"Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us... let us run with patience that particular race that God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"So encourage each other and give each other strength."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NCV)

III. REMEMBER: GOD WAITS FOR _____!

"The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised -- the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to change their hearts and lives." 2 Peter 3:9 (NCV)

"God will strengthen you with his own great power so that you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient."
Colossians 1:11 (NCV)

"The Lord still waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love." Isaiah 30:18 (TLB)