



Wait on the Lord

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” Psalm 27:14 (KJV)

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In the midst of painful situations, one of the hardest things to do is to wait on the Lord. Most of us want to do something, anything, or at least to help God out. We find that praying and trusting the Lord is hard on our impatient flesh.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) reads, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* So many times when I have been going through battles, the Holy Spirit has brought this scripture to my heart. He would remind me that He was seeing my situation differently than I was. His thoughts about it were different than mine. I only had a small part of the picture. He could see my past, my present, and my future. He wants me to trust Him and to allow Him to be in control!

The Lord often reminds me of Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV), which reads, *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”* God is encouraging me. He plans to bring good out of my suffering.

Another scripture the Holy Spirit often reminds me of is Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV), *“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”* In the midst of painful situations whenever I lean on my own understanding and try to handle things my way, I always cause greater problems.

Waiting on the Lord does not mean passively sitting around doing nothing. It is praying, daily reading the Bible, and only saying and doing whatever the Lord tells me. It is total humility as I acknowledge I do not know how to handle the situation and asking the Lord for His help. Psalm 25:4-5 (KJV) reads, *“Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”*

I have suffered painful consequences every time I have tried to handle situations my way. However, I have never regretted waiting on the Lord. His ways and timing are always best!

Before I became a Christian, I almost divorced my husband. My way of trying to change things in my marriage only made them worse. But by GOD’S AMAZING GRACE as I waited on the Lord, prayed, and obeyed the Bible, I have seen the Lord restore my home. Richard and I have been married since 1968, and we have such a good marriage now. I encourage you to wait on the Lord. Allow Him to handle your situations His way. Read and obey the Word. Stay close to Him. He will not fail you. His plans toward you are good to give you a hope and a future. Stay close to the Lord!

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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