

Day 6

Learning to Wait

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31

Key Verse

"Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength..."

Isaiah 40:31

Today's Devotional

Waiting rarely feels productive.

We prefer movement.

Progress.

Visible results.

Quick answers.

Yet throughout Scripture, God repeatedly uses waiting as one of His greatest tools for shaping His people.

Abraham waited decades for the promised son.

Joseph waited years before God's plan became clear.

David waited before becoming king.

Israel waited for the Messiah.

The disciples waited in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

Waiting is never wasted when God is involved.

In fact, many of God's greatest works are accomplished while His people learn to trust Him during seasons when nothing seems to be happening.

Perhaps some in our church are praying eagerly for the Associate Pastor God has chosen.

Others may be wondering how the second service will unfold.

Still others carry deeply personal burdens completely unrelated to these church-wide concerns.

The temptation during waiting is to assume that God is inactive.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our God is always working—even when we cannot yet see the results.

Isaiah reminds us that those who wait upon the Lord do not merely survive.

They gain new strength.

Waiting teaches dependence.

Waiting deepens trust.

Waiting reminds us that God's timing is always wiser than ours.

Perhaps the Lord delays because He is preparing us for blessings we are not yet ready to receive.

As we continue these forty days, let us resist the urge to hurry God.

Instead, let us learn to rest confidently in His perfect timing.

Think About It

1. Where am I struggling to wait upon God's timing?
2. How has God used previous seasons of waiting to strengthen my faith?
3. What might God be accomplishing that I cannot yet see?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Teach me to trust Your timing.

When I become impatient, remind me that You are never late.

Strengthen my confidence in Your wisdom.

Continue preparing our church for the future You have planned.

Give our Elders patience, discernment, and unity as they wait upon Your direction.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from unnecessary hurry today.

Drive a little slower.

Pause before speaking.

Spend extra time reading God's Word rather than rushing through it.

Let your pace remind you to trust God's timing.

Prayer Focus

Pray for patience and wisdom as our church waits upon God's leading in every area of ministry.