



Waiting

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“Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on what we’re waiting for...”

“Waiting is not a void, but a place of cultivating.”

“While you are waiting, God is working.”

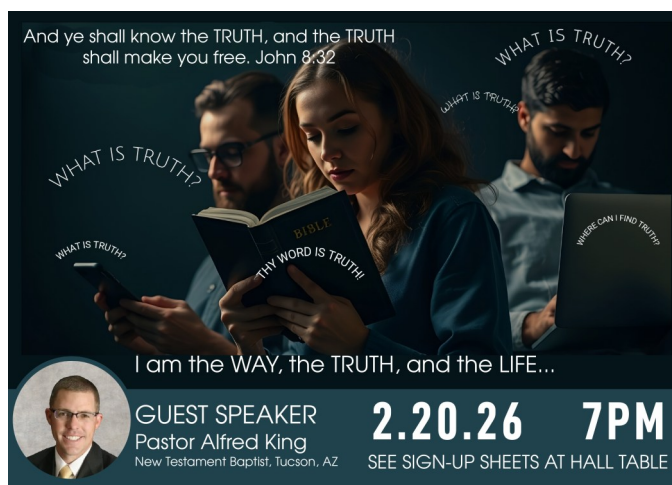
CHARLES SPURGEON – If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord’s people have always been a waiting people.

G CAMPBELL MORGAN – Waiting for God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting for God means first, activity under command; second, readiness for any new command that may come; third, the ability to do nothing until the command is given.

Waiting...for most of us, is one of the most difficult tasks in this life. There are many difficult tasks, but Waiting is high on the list. Waiting at an airport is one of the most irritating, challenging, and trying. I am here to confess that this is an area where I really struggle.

In November 2024, Pastor and I were headed to the airport in Manila, Philippines, where we were scheduled to depart around 9:30 pm. We had been instructed by our travel agent – of whom we determined later, had most likely never traveled – that we would need to be at the airport some 4 hours ahead of departure in order to get through customs, etc. And so, the

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Camachos dropped us off at the airport at 5 pm. As we moved inside with our luggage, we discovered no check-in counter had any information on our departure. Not one! In fact, half of the airport was owned and operated by Philippine Air, the other half was divided between all other airlines. This was irritating. My husband asked a security person, who informed us that we would have to wait until 2-3 hours before departure for check-in. This was challenging. To top it all off, there was limited seating, which meant we had to stand for the next 2 hours and wait for the counter to open. At that point, we would get in line, check-in, pass through security and customs, walk to the proper concourse and gate – hoping we would get there on time. This was trying as well as annoying, confusing, and frustrating. Waiting is Burdensome.

For us as Believers, Waiting on God can be burdensome at times. Only He sees the Big Picture. Waiting on Him is an Exercise for our Faith. It is irritating, challenging, trying, annoying, and frustrating. We just plain don't like it. Might as well admit it.

A Characteristic of Living the Simple Life is Waiting...Waiting Patiently to be exact. Actually, it is another Command to be Obeyed.

Verse Challenge

February 2026: Lamentations 3:25-26

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him,
to the soul that seeketh Him.

It is good that a man should both hope and
quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Sept 2025: 1 John 2:15-17

Jan 2026: John 15:4-5

Retreat Opportunities

March 7 - Calvary Baptist, Perry, OK
9 am - 3 pm | \$25 | Lunch Provided
Sign-up available Wed, Feb 4-18
Speakers: Janelle Durham, Crystal Ratcliff

March 21 - Heritage Baptist, Wichita, KS
10 am - 3 pm | \$25 | Lunch Provided
Sign-up available Wed, Feb 11-25
Speaker: Lucinda Metsinger

PSALM 27:14 – Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 37:7 – Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him...

PSALM 37:34 – Wait on the LORD, and keep His way...

We are commanded to Wait – Patiently, Expectantly, Hopefully – with our whole being – without getting weary – rather we are to be Believing, Trusting, and Faithful.

“What God does in us while we wait is as important as what it is we are waiting for.”

I am still not completely sure what God was doing in me in the Manila airport for 2-3 hours before we were able to actually sit down – yes, we were on time for departure! But I do know I really appreciated the opportunity to sit down! Waiting is crucial to Living the Simple Life – God's Way.

Please prepare to join us on Sunday, February 15. We will enjoy a cozy, delicious meal, sweet fellowship, and study two more characteristics of Living the Simple Life, one of which is Waiting Patiently.

ELISABETH ELLIOT –
He makes us wait.

He keeps us on purpose in the dark. He makes us walk when we want to run, sit still when we want to walk, for He has things to do in our souls that we are not interested in. 🌱

