



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

Waiting Room

We all have been in waiting rooms. The most frequent ones for me are doctors' offices or emergency rooms. I remember once, my wife fell down the stairs. They took her by ambulance to the hospital. When I arrived, I saw her sitting in the waiting room screaming in pain. I complained and was told there were more urgent people in front of her. We waited and waited and waited. I was ready to take her home. She was finally seen. Another time, when I was having a heart issue, I bypassed the waiting room and was in the OR before my wife arrived. In fact, the OR knew what I needed and was prepared before I got there.

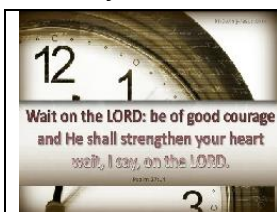
The worst waiting room experience was at the Social Security Office. We arrived at 1 PM and received a number. The room was filled with 30 people. There were 15 stations available to help people but only two were open. You could not use your cellphones. I did not have a book to read. I was bored stiff after three hours of waiting, and the room was still filled with people. About 15 minutes before closing, a supervisor came out asking why people were there. Many of them she told go home because they could resolve their issue on-line or by phone. My problem was too complicated. Suddenly, five other stations opened, to help people so the workers could go home on time. That really made me mad. Where were these workers hours ago? I learned my lesson. Next time, show up 15 minutes before closing.

With God, there is no waiting room. You can go to Him in prayer at any time and at any place. In fact, He knows what you have need of even before you ask (Matt 6:8). However, sometimes, the timing of the response is not what we think it should be. We become like spoiled brats having a temper tantrum. But God in His wisdom says to wait.

"Waiting on the Lord involves the confident expectation of a positive result in which we place a great hope. This expectation is based on knowledge of and trust in God. We must be confident of who God is and what He is capable of doing. Those who wait on the Lord do not lose heart in their prayers. I John 5:14 Waiting on the Lord renews our strength Isaiah 40:31. Waiting on the Lord by trusting, seeking, and praying establishes our faith and brings serenity and stability: "I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined unto me and heard my cry." Ps 40:1. Waiting on the Lord is also a testimony to others who will see our faith and, as a result, put their trust in God."¹

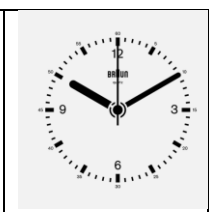
"God continually calls His people to wait on Him. The Israelites waited for over four hundred years to be released from the bondage of Egypt; God's people waited thousands of years for Him to send the Messiah; and now, two thousand plus years later, we still wait on Jesus' return. Waiting is part of God's plan, and I don't think He wants us to miss the opportunities and growth found in waiting."²

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him." Is 64:4




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"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Is 40:31 "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Rom 12:12



¹www.gotquestions.org/wait-on-the-Lord.html

²biblestudymedia.com/blogs/blog/how-to-wait-on-the-lord

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