

Wise Up

What To Do When God Makes You Wait

1. Realize that waiting is _____

Genesis 40:23 *...when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to pharaoh and get me out of this prison. For was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon...The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.*

Danger: You can believe waiting means God _____

- Circumstances may not be right yet
- What we want may not be best for us
- He may be trying to develop patience in us
- He may be trying to get us to depend on Him

Key: _____ in the waiting

2. _____ while you wait

Genesis 39:22 *So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.*

Genesis 40:4-6 *The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time, each of the two men...had a dream...When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected.*

Key: What would you like _____?

3. _____

Genesis 40:8 *"We both had dreams," they answered, "But there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."*

Danger: Taking matters into _____

- God's promises are unbreakable
- God is always at work

Key: Thank you that _____

Quotes on Waiting From Pastor Pete Wilson

- Just because your dream is delayed doesn't mean it's not going to happen.
- Most of us have been trained to hear God speak, but we don't know what to do with His silence.
- Story of Lazarus — Jesus' friend was dying, and He waited. He didn't come right away. He had a reason for waiting.
- Sometimes God will wait 2 days or 2 weeks or 2 years before He answers.
- God will allow suffering, pain and trials in order to detach your reliance on other things and reconnect it to Him.
- Hope doesn't just come from believing in God's timing. Hope comes from trusting in His timing.
- When we are waiting on God, that is when we are most prone to idolatry.
- People assume that when God is not speaking that He is not with them.
- God's silence is not His absence.
- If God's plan is a little bit different than yours, always remember Psalm 18:2.

Isaiah 30:18 *Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. (ESV)*

Isaiah 40:31 *But they who wait for 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. (ESV)*

Psalm 27:14 *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*