

“Waiting In Faith”
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Thrive - Part 7
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“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time.”
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

What To Remember When You’re Waiting On God:

1. There’s always a delay between planting and harvesting.

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to
harvest.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NLT)

2. There’s an unseen battle taking place.

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil
rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this
dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”
Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began
to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your
request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to
your prayer.” Daniel 10:12 (NLT)

A delay is not a denial.

3. God is preparing you for His blessing.

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have
had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the
proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which
perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and
honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

4. You’re in good company while you’re waiting on God.

“And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”
Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)

5. God always keeps His promises.

“This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be
fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take
place. It will not be delayed.” Habbakuk 2:3 (NLT)

What To Do When You’re Waiting On God:

WRITE down the lessons God is teaching you.

“At the Lord’s command Moses recorded the stages in their journey.”
Numbers 33:2 (NIV)

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.”
Psalm 25:4 (NIV)

ACT as though God is already at work.

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you
have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24 (NIV)

“That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you
the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed
in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things
out of nothing.” Romans 4:17 (NLT)

IMITATE the habits that build strong faith.

“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through
faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”
Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)

“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me —
everything you heard from me and saw me doing.”
Philippians 4:9 (NLT)

TRUST God instead of panicking.

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will
reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”
Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3 (NIV)