

Daring Faith - Part 5  
I'm Waiting as Fast as I Can  
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- Daring to Wait on God.
- Few things frustrate us more than having to wait
- “Not Yet” and “No”
- When you're in God's waiting room.

*Ecc. 3:11 (NCV) “God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.”*

*Psalm 46:1-11 (NIV) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

**When Waiting:**

1st) **FOCUS** on God not the wait.

*Psalm 46:10 (NIV) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Psalm 121:1-8 (NIV) I lift up my eyes to the mountains- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

2nd) Remember God's **PRESENCE**.

*Psalm 46:7 (NIV) The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Psalm 46:11 (NIV) The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Hebrews 13:5b-6 (NIV) “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”*

*Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

- You said that I'm not to fear or be dismayed. You said you will strengthen me, uphold me and help me. I need your help. I need your guidance

*James 1:5-8 (TLB) If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him... But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you... If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.*

3rd) Relax in God's **TIMING**.

*Psalms 46:10 (NIV) He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

### **The W.A.I.T:**

W - **WRITE** down what I'm learning

- Waiting is always the season to listen and to learn

*Numbers 33:2 (NIV) At the Lord's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey.*

- God is more interested in your character than your comfort
- Waiting in the wilderness has a purpose.

The way to the **PROMISED** land is through the **WILDERNESS**.

- You can't get to the Promised Land without going through the desert

A - **ACT** in Faith

- We Wonder
- We Worry
- We Whine

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

- When you give God praise it gives you strength.
- When you thank God in advance for the answer, that's what keeps you encouraged.

I - **IMITATE** the habits that grow strong faith

- Develop personal maturity

*Heb. 6:12 (GNT) We do not want you to become lazy, but to be like those who believe and are patient, and so receive what God has promised.*

*Phil. 4:9 (GNT) Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions.*

When I'm in the waiting room of life I don't put my life **ON HOLD**.

- Waiting is the time you develop the habits and the skills that you're going to use later on.
- Keep on Praying

*Mathew 7:7 (NLT) Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.*

- Keep on Serving

*Romans 12:11 (TLB) "Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically."*

- Keep on Meeting

*Hebrews 10:25 (GW) We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.*

T - **TRUST** God

- Trust God instead of panicking
- God's timing is always perfect
- Sometimes God lets a situation get so bad only a miracle will do
- Don't give up your faith

*John 11:40-41 (NIV) Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.*

*John 12:9-10 (NIV) 9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.*

- Warfare always surrounds the birth of a miracle!
- God is training you for battle!

*Gal. 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*