



"Waiting on God"

Living by Faith Series

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Living by Faith means learning to wait on God.

Impossible for me. Possible for God.

Those who live by faith...

1. ...know God alone as our _____.

- 18 "**For Your salvation I WAIT, O LORD.** [Gen 49:18 NASB95]
- 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is **God** who **works** in you both **to will and to do for** [His] good pleasure. [Phl 2:12-13 NKJV]
- 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "**Have faith in God.** [Mar 11:22 NASB95]
- The one effective universal response to every trial, affliction, impossible circumstance.

1) ...wait confidently on the _____ of God.

- 25 The **LORD** is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. [Lam 3:25]

2) ...exercise patience for delayed _____.

- 7 But as for me, **I will watch expectantly for the LORD**; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. [Mic 7:7 NASB95]

3) ...find our Heavenly Father as a faithful _____.

- 27 They all **WAIT** for You To give them their food in due season. [Psa 104:27 NASB95]

4) ...wait for God's _____.

- 13 They quickly forgot His works; They did not **WAIT for His counsel**, [Psa 106:13 NASB95]
- 114 You are my hiding place and my shield; **I WAIT for Your word.** [Psa 119:114 NASB95]
- 147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; **I WAIT for Your words.** [Psa 119: 147 NASB95]
- 5 I WAIT for the LORD, my soul does WAIT, And **in His word do I hope.** [Psa 130:5 NASB95]

5) ...wait for a risen _____.

- 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also **we eagerly wait for** a Savior, **the Lord Jesus Christ**; [Phl 3:20 NASB95]
- 10 and to **wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead**, [that is] Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come. [1Th 1:10 NASB95]

2. ... _____ to do God's will.

- 34 Jesus said to them, "**My food** is to **do the will of Him** who sent Me and to **accomplish His work.** [Jhn 4:34 NASB95]

1) How to _____ the will of God.

- ✳ Determine at the beginning to _____ to the Lord's will.
- ✳ Do not make your decision based upon _____ or _____.
- ✳ Seek the Spirit of God's guidance through the _____ of God.

- ✳ Take into account all _____ circumstances.
 - ✳ Sincerely _____ God in prayer to reveal His will to you.
 - ✳ Be honest with God and yourself about your _____.
 - ✳ Ask _____ of those in authority over you and those who are godly particularly the elderly and mature Christian.
 - ✳ Make a _____ judgment through prayer, study of the word, and due consideration of God's providence.
 - ✳ Ask the Lord to close the door providentially if it is the wrong _____ or the wrong _____.
 - ✳ Determine to thank God and decide before the prayer is answered that you will trust Him and wait on Him _____ way,
 - ✳ Determine to WAIT on God for as _____ as it takes for Him to answer.
 - ✳ Do not _____ or turn back if you were given peace once you have determined in God's light that your will and His will are the same.
- augmented from George Mueller's principles

2) The _____ of knowing God's will. It...

- ✳ ..._____ **sustains us** - "Jesus said to them, "**My food** is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work." - Jhn 4:34
- ✳ ..._____ **future activity** - "so that I may **come** to you in joy **by the will of God** and find [refreshing] rest in your company." - Rom 15:3
- ✳ ..._____ **our occupation or ministry** - "Paul, called [as] an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother," - 1Co 1:1
- ✳ ..._____ **our suffering** - "Therefore, **those also who suffer according to the will of God** shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right." - 1Pe 4:19
- ✳ ..._____ **church leaders oversight & shepherding** - "shepherd the flock of God among you, **exercising oversight** not under compulsion, but voluntarily, **according to [the will of] God**; and not for sordid gain, but **with eagerness**;" - 1Pe 5:2
- ✳ ..._____ **our destiny** - "The world is passing away, and [also] its lusts; but **the one who does the will of God lives forever.**" - 1Jo 2:17
- ✳ ...**gives us** _____ **in our prayers** - "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we **ask anything according to His will**, He hears us." - 1Jo 5:1
- ✳ ..._____ **our bodies** - "For this is **the will of God, your sanctification**; [that is,] that you abstain from sexual immorality;" - 1Th 4:3

30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet **those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up [with] wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. [Isa 40:28-31]**