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What God Is Doing While You Wait

“But those who wait on 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.” - Isaiah 40:31, NKJV



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“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him,” David wrote (Psalm 37:7). Many times, what we call silence is simply God working where our eyes cannot yet see.

Joseph: The Promise Beneath the Pain

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Joseph received God-given dreams at seventeen, yet the road ahead looked nothing like them. Instead of a throne came a pit; instead of honour, slavery; instead of promotion, prison. Scripture does not record Joseph turning against God. It repeats a stronger truth: “The Lord was with Joseph” (Genesis 39:2, 21). God did not remove every hardship. He remained with Joseph inside it.

Years later Joseph could tell his brothers, “You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good ... to save many people alive” (Genesis 50:20). While Joseph could see only prison walls, Heaven was positioning him to preserve a generation. If your life resembles a prison more than a promise, do not assume the dream has been forgotten. The prison may be a passage, not your destination.

The Dream God Delayed, but Did Not Deny

For years, writing was more than a private ambition; it was a prayer. I wanted to write words that would point people to Jesus and remind them that no life lies beyond His redeeming grace. Yet the book remained unwritten, and disappointment began to sound more convincing than hope. Eventually I laid the dream down before God.

Then, while I was grieving the death of my father, my greatest encourager and prayer warrior, the door opened. I struggled with the timing. Why should a long-awaited beginning arrive in the middle of such loss? Only later could I see that God’s purpose was not restricted by my pain. He brought life from a broken place, and the finished book became more than a fulfilled dream. It became evidence that He keeps His promises, although the journey may look nothing like the one we imagined.

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time ... Though it tarries, wait for

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it; because it will surely come.” Habakkuk 2:3, NKJV

Do not interpret delay as refusal. If God planted the dream, He also knows the appointed time when its fulfilment will bring Him the greatest glory.

Hannah: When Tears Become Prayer

Hannah understood prayers that cannot be made tidy. Year after year she carried the ache of an empty womb while enduring ridicule, comparison, and the pain of seeing another person hold what she longed for. Scripture says that she was “in bitterness of soul and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish” (1 Samuel 1:10). Faith did not require her to pretend. It brought her wounded heart honestly into God’s presence.

Perhaps your tears concern healing, anxiety, financial pressure, direction, a damaged relationship, or a son or daughter who has wandered from God. Your Father is not offended by a broken prayer. He understands what cannot yet be spoken.

After losing my father, there were moments when grief left me without words, and Heaven felt painfully quiet. Looking back, I know God had not stopped speaking. His voice came through peace that slowly displaced despair, through people He placed around me, through His Word and, most deeply, through His nearness. “The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart” (Psalm 34:18). In His hands, tears are not wasted. They become seeds, and seeds carry the possibility of harvest.

David: Between the Anointing and the Throne

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David was anointed as Israel's future king, but the crown did not follow quickly. He spent years hiding in caves while Saul occupied the throne. Although opportunities came to seize what had been promised, David refused to force by his own strength what only God could fulfil. He trusted God's timing more than his ambition.

The world says, "Push the door open, promote yourself, take control." God says, "Trust Me, wait for the door I open, humble yourself and surrender." Waiting is one of God's sternest classrooms. Motives are purified there, character is strengthened, and faith grows roots. Some answers we demand today would become burdens if received before we were ready. Yet "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it" (Philippians 1:6). If you are living between anointing and palace, do not lose heart.

Waiting On God, or Waiting With God?

There is a profound difference. Waiting on God can feel like standing still until something happens. Waiting with God becomes personal. In the quiet, He reshapes the heart, loosens our dependence on ourselves, and teaches us that His presence is more precious than the answer. Some of my deepest encounters with Him came not when every prayer was settled, but when all I had left was Him.

When Delay Reveals a Greater Glory

Elijah had just witnessed fire fall from Heaven, yet soon afterwards he was exhausted, afraid, and hiding in a cave. God was not in the violent wind, the earthquake or the fire. Then came a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:11-12). Our lives are crowded with opinion, comparison, social media, fear and the pressure to appear strong. Sometimes God quiets what surrounds us so that we can recognise the whisper we would otherwise

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miss.

Mary, Martha and the Four-Day Delay

When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He did not leave immediately. By the time He reached Bethany, Lazarus had been dead four days. Martha's words were honest: "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). Many believers know that sentence: If only You had healed sooner. If only You had intervened. If only You had spoken.

Jesus was not careless, and He was not late. He told Martha, "If you would believe, you would see the glory of God" (John 11:40), then called, "Lazarus, come forth!" (verse 43). What looked like devastating delay became the place where resurrection power was revealed. The tomb in your life may feel final, but it does not have authority to write the last sentence.

The Silence of Gethsemane

In Gethsemane, Jesus fell before the Father and prayed, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39). The cup was not removed. No different plan was announced. The cross remained.

Yet the Father's silence was not indifference. Redemption was moving towards Calvary. Had the cup passed, there would have been no cross, no empty tomb, no resurrection and no salvation for us. Gethsemane warns us against judging God's faithfulness by one unfinished moment. Sometimes His answer changes the circumstance. Sometimes it changes us. At the cross, apparent silence became the doorway

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through which eternal hope entered the world.

You Cannot Always See from Where You Stand

Joseph could not see the palace from prison. Hannah could not see Samuel through her tears. David could not see the throne from the cave. Elijah could not hear the whisper through his exhaustion. Mary and Martha could not see resurrection while facing the tomb. Even Jesus endured Gethsemane and the cross before the joy of resurrection morning.

You, too, may be standing inside a chapter whose meaning is not yet clear. The view from the valley is limited, but the Author is not confused. One day you may discover that Heaven was never empty. God was writing what only eternity could fully explain.

When Silence Becomes Sacred

There were seasons when I stood beside hospital beds, buried dreams, mourned people I loved, and faced chapters I would never have chosen. Had I been the author, I would have removed the waiting and erased the heartbreak. Yet those were the very places where I came to know Jesus more intimately. I no longer merely knew the teaching that He is faithful and that He comforts the brokenhearted. I experienced His faithfulness. I received His comfort. I found Him in the place of grief.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me.” - Psalm 23:4, NKJV

David did not say there would be no valley. He declared that he would not walk through it alone. We often ask God to remove the valley while

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He is revealing Himself as the One who walks with us. His presence does not make pain unreal, but it ensures pain will never have the final authority.

How to Live While Heaven Seems Quiet

Do not allow silence to drive you away from God. Let it draw you nearer. These five practices have steadied my faith in seasons when answers were slow:

1. **Keep praying.** Prayer is not an attempt to persuade God to care; it keeps the heart open to the God who already does. Bring Him the honest prayer, even when it is only a tear. (Colossians 4:2)
2. **Remain rooted in the Word.** Feelings rise and fall, and circumstances can change overnight. Christ's words do not pass away. Let Scripture interpret the silence instead of allowing fear to interpret God. (Matthew 24:35)
3. **Worship before the breakthrough.** Praise after a miracle is gratitude; worship before it is faith. Paul and Silas sang in prison before the doors opened. Your worship is not denial of the prison. It is a declaration that the prison is not lord. (Acts 16:25–26)
4. **Guard your heart against comparison.** Another person's testimony is not proof that yours has been forgotten. God writes each life with wisdom. Do not grow weary; the harvest has its proper time. (Galatians 6:9)
5. **Remember what God has already done.** Before David faced Goliath, he remembered the lion and the bear. Yesterday's faithfulness gave him courage for today's battle. Revisit answered prayers. Memory can become an altar when fear tries to erase your history with God. (1 Samuel 17:34–37)

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Heaven Has Been Speaking All Along

Perhaps you opened this article feeling unseen, overlooked, or tired of asking. Perhaps disappointment has become louder, and your prayers have become quieter. Hear this with your whole heart: God has not forgotten you. He may be strengthening faith, refining character, preparing what lies ahead, healing what is hidden and drawing you nearer to Himself.

The silence has not been empty; it has been held by His presence. One day you may look back and realise that the season you feared was an invitation to trust Him more deeply, know Him more intimately and love Him more completely. The greatest gift may not be the answer you were waiting for, but a deeper relationship with the One who holds every answer.

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings.” - Philippians 3:10, NKJV

Biblical waiting is not passive resignation; it becomes surrender. The final response is therefore not only, “Lord, change this season,” but “Lord, reveal Christ in me, fill me with the Holy Spirit, and let Your glory be seen through my life.” This article ends where true waiting should always lead: at the feet of Jesus.

A Prayer for the Waiting Heart

From silent waiting into deeper surrender, holy hunger and the glory of God revealed in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit
Read this prayer slowly. Let it become your own surrender before the Father:

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Father of glory, I come before You in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank You that when I cannot hear You, You have not left me; when I cannot trace Your hand, Your heart towards me remains faithful. I surrender every unanswered prayer, delayed promise, grief, fear and disappointment. I refuse to let the waiting harden my heart or teach me to doubt Your goodness.

Lord Jesus, turn my eyes from the answer I seek to the glory revealed in You. Let the cross silence every accusation that I am forgotten and let the power of Your resurrection awaken hope in every place that feels buried. Be formed in me through every pit, prison, cave, tear, valley, and closed door. May I not merely escape this season; may I emerge knowing You more deeply and carrying Your character more faithfully.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon the hidden places of my heart. Quiet the noise of fear, comparison, and unbelief. Strengthen me with might in my inner being, cause Christ to dwell in my heart through faith, and fill me with all the fullness of God. Give me a holy hunger, not simply for what God can do for me, but for God Himself. Teach me to pray when words fail, to worship before the breakthrough, to remain rooted in the Word and to remember every former act of faithfulness.

Father, enlighten the eyes of my understanding. As I behold the glory of the Lord, transform me from glory to glory by Your Spirit. Let Christ in me be the hope of glory. May my life, my waiting, my healing and my testimony point others to Jesus, so that no honour rests upon me and all glory returns to You.

Whether You answer through a sudden miracle or through quiet work

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beneath the surface, keep my heart close to You. Make Your presence more precious than the outcome, Your will greater than my timing and Your glory the deepest desire of my life. Fill me afresh with the Holy Spirit, and let the life of Christ be seen in me. In the mighty and precious name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Even when Heaven seems silent, the Gardener is working beneath the surface, deepening your roots, forming Christ in you and leading you from glory to glory.

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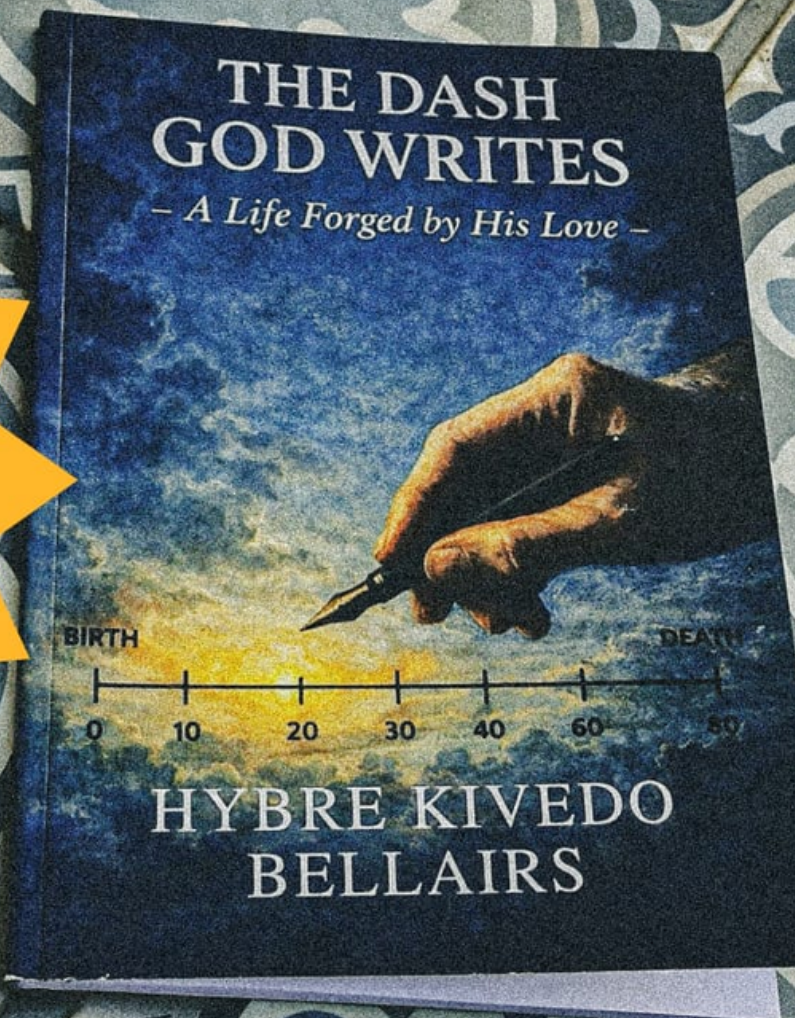


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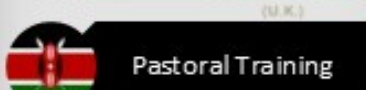
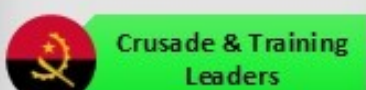
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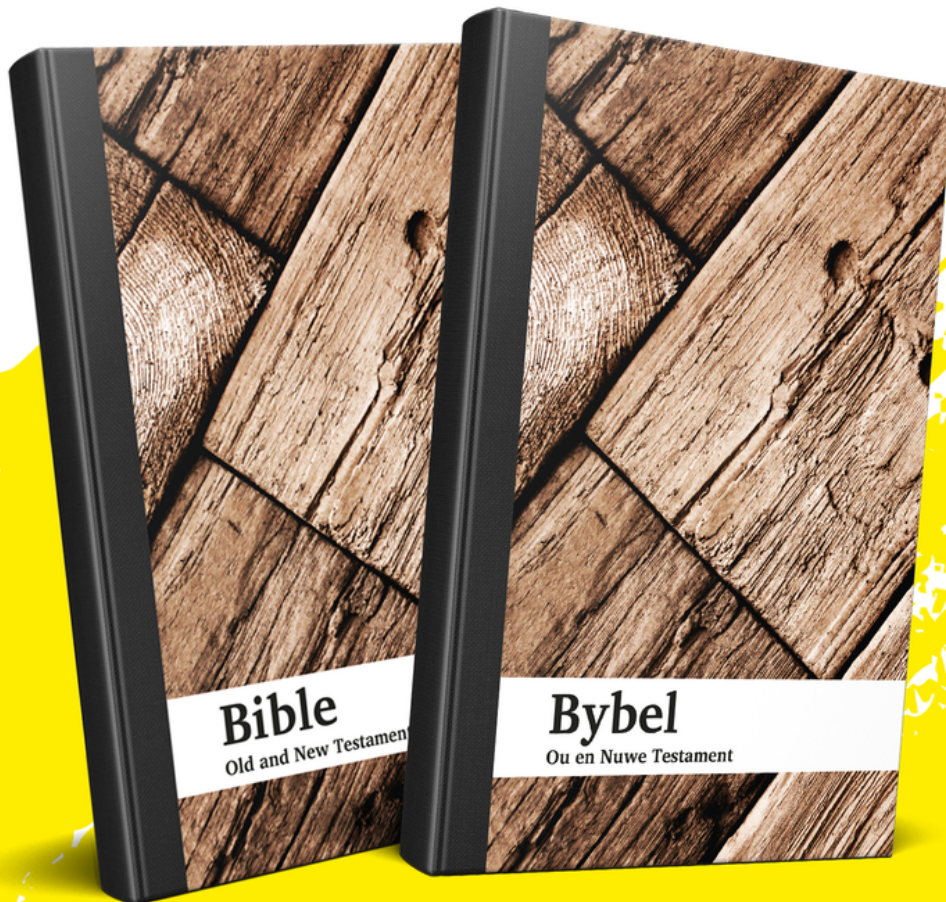
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

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