

Are You Still There?

For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

How Is Faith Built in Waiting?

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3

Lord, I wait for You; You will answer, Lord my God. Psalm 38:15

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. Psalm 130:5

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord... Psalm 27:14

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. Corrie Ten Boom

God never wastes an experience.

1. Embrace Tests

Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, because the testing of your faith produces endurance...so that you may be lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

...and He credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6

So she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Genesis 16:2

2. Strive to Obey Rather Than Assist

It's easy to praise Him in the sunshine, but your breakthrough comes when you praise Him in the dark. Tony Evans

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." Genesis 16:13

3. Remember That God Sees Us

The strength of patience hangs on our capacity to believe that God is up to something good for us in all our delays and detours. John Piper

4. Remember That God Knows Your Name

5. Look Past the Obvious, And See the Possibilities

So, Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Genesis 18:12-15

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:11-12

Grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them. Saint Augustine

Application

1. Pray

Ask: "What do you want to teach me in this season?"

2. Listen

3. Reach Out

Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. John 8:47 (NIV)