

The Waiting Game
With Christ I Will Make It! – Part 4
Luke 8:40-56 (NIV)
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With all my heart, I am waiting, LORD, for you! I trust your promises. Psalm 130:5 (CEV)

HOW DO WE GET DISCOURAGED?

- I. When we focus on the DELAYS
 - Our response: Manipulation
- II. When we focus on the DOUBTS
 - Our response: Abandonment

HOW DO I DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT?

1) **PROTECT YOUR POSTURE**

a. **Maintain Your Position**

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

b. **Maintain Your Peace**

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 (ESV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ... And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 (NIV)

2) **PRACTICE PATIENCE**

My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (CEB)

WHEN YOU WAIT...YOU WIN!

I say, “The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him. It is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord. Lamentations 3:24-26 (CSB)