

A FAITH THAT HANDLES DELAYS PATIENTLY

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- James 5:7-11

WHEN IS WAITING PATIENTLY AN ACT OF FAITH?

1. WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE UNCONTROLLABLE

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2. WHEN THE TRUTH IS _____

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- James 5:10-11a

"Don't grumble about each other, my brothers and sisters, or God will judge you. Remember, the great Judge is coming. He is standing at the door!"

- James 5:9 (NLT)

3. WHEN PAIN IS UNBEARABLE AND UNEXPLAINABLE

"Then remember the example of Job. Job continued to patiently trust God while enduring great pain. But we know how God fulfilled his purpose for Job and that his plan for Job ended in good because the Lord always treats us with tender compassion and merciful kindness."

- James 5:11

WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER WHILE I'M WAITING?

- 1. **REMEMBER GOD IS _____**
"Be patient, my friends, until the Lord comes back." - James 5:7
"Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." - James 5:8
"Don't complain . . . the Judge is ready to come!" - James 5:9 (NCV)
- 2. **REMEMBER GOD REWARDS PATIENCE**
"We consider BLESSED those who have persevered." - James 5:11 (NIV)
"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing IF we don't get discouraged and give up." - Galatians 6:9 (LB)
- 3. **REMEMBER THIS IS NOT THE _____ OF THE STORY**
"We know how God fulfilled his purpose for Job and that his plan for Job ended in good because the Lord always treats us with tender compassion and merciful kindness." - James 5:11b

"I know what I am planning for you' says the Lord. 'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I'll give you hope and a good future!" - Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV)

HOW DO I TRUST GOD DURING A DELAY?

- 1. **LIKE FARMERS, I WAIT _____**
". . . I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised."
- Psalm 130:5 (LB)

"No one who waits for my help will be disappointed." - Isaiah 49:23 (TEV)
- 2. **LIKE THE PROPHETS, I WAIT WITHOUT COMPLAINING**
"It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." - Lamentation 3:26
- 3. **LIKE _____, I WAIT CONFIDENTLY**
"If a man dies, can he come back to life? I will wait for better times; I will wait till this time of trouble is ended." - Job 14:14 (TEV)

"Those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint!"
- Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)

"The Lord isn't being slow in keeping his promise to return. Instead, he's waiting on you, being patient with you, because he doesn't want anyone to be lost and perish. Instead he is giving you time to change your heart and turn to him!"
- 2 Peter 3:9

在延遲時仍耐心面對的信心

在人生困境中活出真信心—第十五部

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耐心等待在何時是信心的表現？

1. 當境況無法控制時

“我的朋友們，要忍耐，直到主再來。記著農夫們怎樣耐心等待，他們寶貴的莊稼成熟，結出果子，他們也耐心等待春霖秋雨發揮功用，你們也必須忍耐！不要放棄，因為主隨時都會來臨！” - 雅各書 5:7-8 (意譯)

2. 當真相_____時

“另一個耐心面對苦難的例證，就是先知們在艱苦的時候宣講上帝的真理。今天，我們以他們為榮，因他們堅忍地面對不公的遭遇。”

- 雅各書 5:10-11 上 (意譯)

“弟兄姊妹們，不要互相抱怨，不然上帝就會審判你們。記著，偉大的審判者即將來臨，他正站在門外！” - 雅各書 5:9 (NLT 意譯)

3. 當痛苦無法忍受和解釋時

“並要銘記約伯的榜樣。約伯在承受巨大痛苦時，仍繼續耐心地信靠上帝，但我們知道上帝如何實現他對約伯的旨意，他定意讓約伯得到圓滿結局，因為上主永遠以溫柔憐憫和恩惠慈愛待我們。” - 雅各書 5:11 (意譯)

在等候時，我要緊記甚麼？

- 要緊記上帝在_____。
“我的朋友們，要忍耐，直到主再來。” - 雅各書 5:7 (意譯)
- “要忍耐、站立得穩，因為主快要再來了。” - 雅各書 5:8 (意譯)
- “不要抱怨…因為審判者已準備前來。” - 雅各書 5:9 (NCV 意譯)
- 要緊記上帝會賞賜耐心
“看哪，那些忍耐的人，我們稱他們是有福的。” - 雅各書 5:11 (新譯本)
- “所以，不要厭倦行善。如果我們不放棄，時候一到，就會收穫豐盛的祝福。” - 加拉太書 6:9 (新普及譯本)
- 要緊記這不是故事的_____
“我們知道上帝如何實現祂對約伯的旨意，他定意讓約伯得到圓滿結局，因為上主永遠以溫柔憐憫和恩惠慈愛待我們。” - 雅各書 5:11 下 (意譯)
- “上主說：「因為我知道我為你們所定的計劃，那是要賜福而不是降災的計劃，為要帶給你們前途和盼望。」 - 耶利米書 29:11 (新普及譯本)

我如何在延遲中信靠上帝？

- 我要像農夫那樣，_____地等待
“...我滿懷期盼地等待，信靠上帝會幫助，因他已應許。” - 詩篇 130:5 (LB 意譯)
- “等候我幫助的人絕不失望。” - 以賽亞書 49:23 (現中修訂版)
- 我要像先知那樣，毫無怨言地等待
“安靜等候上主的救恩是美好的。” - 耶利米哀歌 3:26 (新普及譯本)
- 我要像_____那樣，滿有信心地等待
“人死了，能再活嗎？但我要等候那好日子，等候災難的日子過去。” - 約伯記 14:14 (現中修訂版)
- “但那等候耶和華的必重新得力。他們必如鷹展翅上騰；他們奔跑卻不因倦，行走卻不疲乏。” - 以賽亞書 40:31 (和合本)
- “主並非耽延不按照應許回來，而是等候著你、耐心等待你，因為他不願任何人迷失滅亡。其實祂正給你時間去改變心意，回轉向他！” - 彼得後書 3:9 (意譯)