

**Prayer Concerns:****Waiting**

James 5:7-8 [Page 1885]

**Waiting is an unwanted gift from God.**

Waiting on God is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ experiences of the Christian life.

***“Waiting on God is living on what I know to be true about God when I don’t know what’s true about my life.”*** [Mark Vroegop, *Waiting Isn’t a Waste*]

Waiting cultivates \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
[Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4]

**Wrong responses while waiting:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**How to worship while you wait:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. Describe a situation in your life (past or present) where waiting was challenging. What do you think was/is the main reason it was hard?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read James 5:7-8 and Psalm 27:13-14**

1. What is your disposition and attitude toward waiting?
2. Waiting on God isn't an anomaly. It is one of the central experiences of the Christian life. Why does God call us to seasons of waiting?
3. Read Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4. List some reasons why waiting is good for your maturity and faith.

4. Which of the three unhealthy responses (anger, anxiety, and apathy) do you struggle with the most? Why do you think that's the case?
5. Which of the four ways of worshiping while you wait (focus, adore, seek, and trust) has been the greatest help and comfort to you?
6. How can the Christian community (friends in our church family, Growth Group members, etc.) help us wait on the Lord?

### **Taking it Home:**

1. Do a search on what the Bible says about waiting. Read, pray, and reflect on those verses.
2. Andrew Murray has written an outstanding devotional book titled *Waiting on God: A 31-Day Adventure into the Heart of God*. Consider getting a copy to help guide you as you're waiting on the Lord.