



**DARING FAITH: Daring To Wait on God– Pastor Alton Trimble**  
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ECCESIASTES 3:11 “...God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what He is doing.” (NCV)

**WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD (5 THINGS)**

**1. REMEMBER THERE’S A NATURAL DELAY BETWEEN PLANTING & HARVESTING!**

ECCESIASTES 3:1-5 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... A time to plant and a time to harvest... a time to scatter and a time to gather...”

**2. REMEMBER THERE’S AN UNSEEN BATTLE GOING ON.**

EPHESIANS 6:12 “We are not struggling and fighting against human beings but against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm - the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness.” (TEV)

DANIEL 10:11-14 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.<sup>13</sup> The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,<sup>14</sup> and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” (ESV)

**3. REMEMBER GOD IS PREPARING ME FOR HIS BLESSING.**

1 PETER 1:6-7 “There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These troubles test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure, just as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.” (NLT)

ROMANS 8:24-28 “Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We don't see what is enlarging us, but the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy. Meanwhile, when we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He prays in us and for us... He knows us far better than we know ourselves, and knows our pregnant condition... That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.” (Mes)

**4. REMEMBER I'M IN GOOD COMPANY WHEN WAITING ON GOD**

HEBREWS 11:2 “People who lived in the past became famous because of their faith.” (ICB)

HEBREWS 6:15 “After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”

1 PETER 5:8-11: “Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers<sup>[a]</sup> all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. <sup>10</sup> In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. <sup>11</sup> All power to him forever! Amen.” (NLT)

**5. REMEMBER GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES!**

HABAKKUK 2:3 God says “At the time I have decided, my words WILL come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting— it will happen!”

**THREE (3) THINGS TO DO WHILE WAITING ON GOD:**

**1. WRITE DOWN THE LESSONS I'M LEARNING**

NUMBERS 33:2 “At the Lord’s direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress.” (NLT)

DEUTERONOMY 11:2 “Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.” (TEV)

PSALM 119:33 “God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course.” (Mes)

**2. ACT AS THOUGH I ALREADY HAVE IT**

MARK 11:24 “Jesus said “I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

ROMANS 4:17 “God calls things that are not as though they were.

**3. IMITATE THE HABITS THAT GROW STRONG FAITH**

1 PETER 1:6-7 We do not want you to become lazy, but to IMITATE those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” (NIV)

PHILIPPIANS 4:9 Paul: “KEEP ON putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing.” ((NLT)

## **FIVE (5) FAITH-BUILDING HABITS**

### **1. KEEP ON PRAYING**

MATTHEW 7:7 "Keep on asking, and you WILL be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you WILL find. Keep on knocking, and the door WILL be opened!" (NLT)

### **2. KEEP ON SERVING**

ROMANS 12:11 "Never be lazy in your work, but SERVE THE LORD enthusiastically." (NLT)

### **3. KEEP ON GOING TO SMALL GROUP**

HEBREWS 10:25 "Don't give up your habit of meeting with other believers. Instead keep on encouraging each other!" (CEV)

### **4. KEEP ON SOWING**

ECCLESIASTES 11:6 "Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which ones will grow--perhaps they all will!" (LB)

### **5. KEEP ON BELIEVING**

II TIMOTHY 3:14 "You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true." (LB)

## **TRUST GOD INSTEAD OF PANICKING**

### **Two facts you can trust:**

1. God is never in a hurry.
2. God is never late.

PSALM 56:3 "Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you." CEV)

GALATIANS 6:9 "So let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while, at the RIGHT TIME we WILL reap a harvest of blessing IF we don't get discouraged and give up!" (LB)