

# Waiting on the Lord

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♥ **Waiting means:** staying in one place (not doing very much) until something happens next; waiting and allowing time to go by \* like waiting in a doctor's office

A. It can be difficult because it takes patience. \* you can get fidgety or anxious during that time

*< Lamentations 3:25-26 NKJ > The LORD is **good** to those who **wait** for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. It is **good** that one should hope and **wait** quietly For the salvation of the LORD.*

B. Waiting in the natural and waiting on the Lord are different \*The Hebrew word Isaiah uses for "wait" is **Qavah**. It means "to wait, look for, hope, expect."

*< Isaiah 49:23 NKJ > ... Then you will know that I am the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me."*

♥ **The Pool of Bethesda** *< John 5:1-9 NKJV > After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.*

\*Where is your gaze? What are you looking towards? What are you expecting to happen to you?

*< Psalm 25:5 > Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.*

(I intertwine myself with you all day) The Passion Translation says, 'Escort me along the way; take me by the hand and teach me. For you are the God of my increasing salvation; I have wrapped my heart into yours!'

♥ **God's words can heal you** –

A. What are you really waiting for? Do you want to be Healed?

*< Matthew 6:10 NKJ > Your **kingdom** come. Your **will** be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

B. Look to the Lord and Listen for His words to you

*< Psalm 130:5-6 NKJ > I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord, More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.*

C. Waiting on the Lord is actively entwining your life with Him

*< Isaiah 40:29-31 NKJ > He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

\* The Hebrew word most commonly translated as "wait" (wait upon the Lord) is **qavah**, which also means "to tie together by twisting" or "to entwine" or "to wrap tightly." This is a beautiful concept of waiting upon God, not as something passive, but entwining our hearts with Him and His purposes.'

*< Psalm 27:14 > Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!*