

**In The Waiting**  
**From a Devotion by Emmy Hinojosa**

**Stewardship:**

*It is good to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life – that is indeed a gift from God.*

*20. People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy! (Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 NLT).*

*When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord—and he pays wonderful interest on your loan! (Proverbs 19:18 TLB )*

*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10 KJV)*

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*Wait on the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14*

Just before David pinned this important instruction, he told us how he waited for the Lord.

*Psalm 27:13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

David learned the secret of “waiting in faith”....believing that God would do what He promised to do.

Waiting is a natural part of life. As you read through the scriptures you will discover that every person used of God had to “wait”. God would give a command or a promise and then there was a period of time before that command or promise came into existence.

**Abraham:** 75 when he received the promise....(Genesis 12) Isaac (laughter) was born in Genesis 20 when Abraham was 100.....He had to wait 25 years for his promise... but that’s not all... when Isaac was a small child God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son...Genesis 22...(John 3:16). (Sarah’s bad idea Genesis 16...Ishmael)

### **Why do we have to wait?**

**God is always working in the waiting, in what feels like hidden places. Some of the most defining and beautiful transformations happen in those places, a building of capacity and trust, humility and strength, endurance and empathy, grace and wisdom.**

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**God works in us so that He may work through us....during the times of waiting.**

**He is doing a work in us, working through situations for our benefit and protection, preparing and stretching us for even greater assignments and purposes to come.**

**God is not careless, forgetful or nonchalant with our lives. God knows exactly where we are and He knows how to get us where we need to be at the right time.**

### **It is in the waiting that We learn Patience**

*Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward, (36.) For you have need of (patience) endurance so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. (Hebrews 10:35-36).*

Patience has to do with time and waiting.....

*Psalm 37:34 LB Don't be impatient for the Lord to act! Keep traveling steadily along his pathway and in due season he will honor you with every blessing,<sup>[a]</sup> and you will see the wicked destroyed.*

**We find ourselves in places that feel far removed from where we thought life would have us, take heart. It might not be that we've done anything wrong or missed our cue; sometimes it's simply that God is still moving the pieces around,**

**allowing our character to mature and**

**faith deepen,**

**while he sifts things in our situation to do exceedingly above all we could ask, think, dream or imagine (*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask, or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever amen.*)**

**We may not see how the pieces will come together, but we can be confident God is working in the waiting.**

**It is worth it to allow God to do a complete work in our hearts and lives in the hidden places so when we come around the bend into the fullness of His purpose being revealed, we will have the capacity we need to step into the new season with grace, courage, maturity and humility.**

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*Hebrews 10:37 For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. (38) Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him". (39) But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."*

My Television story:

The pressure you feel is the necessity of your faith having to expand to accommodate your miracle....it is like giving birth. There is pain before the birth because the bones of the mother must expand to accommodate the head of the baby...least the baby die...in the spirit the dream doesn't die...it simply remain unborn... unfulfilled....

**A perfect example of “in the waiting” is that time lapse from the moment a child is conceived until it is delivered....**there are questions in the waiting...there are challenges in the waiting....there is discomfort in the waiting, but when you hold the baby in your arms all the waiting is forgotten for you hold the promise!

**Wherever we are today, let's give God room to show Himself faithful. Let's not jump ahead of Him when we feel impatient or panic when we feel frustrated or give up when we feel tired.**

**Whatever tomorrow brings, however long we find ourselves in the waiting, this I know, with Jesus, the best is always yet to come!**

....One Last Scripture:

Galatians 6:9 Classic Amplified: And let us not lose heart *and* grow weary *and* faint in acting nobly *and* doing right, for in due time *and* at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen *and* relax our courage *and* faint (give up).

Thank you Emmy for your inspiration!