

DEEP WAITING ON GOD
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

A. Why does God delay?

- Naturally there is a delay between planting and harvesting.
For everything there is a season...a time to plant and a time to harvest...
— Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
- God is preparing us for the right season of His blessing.
For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
— Ecclesiastes 3:1
- ***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...***
— 1 Peter 1:6-7
- To build our faith and trust in His promises.
He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.
— Ecclesiastes 3:11
- ***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!"***
— Habakkuk 2:3

I. DEEP W.A.I.T.ING ON GOD.

A. **W**-rite down the lessons we're learning.

At the Lord's direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress. — Numbers 33:2

Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with Him.
— Deuteronomy 11:2

B. **A**-ct as though we already have it.

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

C. **I**-mitate the habits that grow a strong faith.

Keep on putting into practice all you learned from me [Paul] and heard from me and saw me doing.
— Philippians 4:9

- Keep on praying (Matthew 7:7).
- Keep on serving (Romans 12:11).
- Keep on participating in a small group (Hebrews 10:25).
- Keep on sowing (Ecclesiastes 11:6).
- Keep on believing (2 Timothy 3:14).

D. **T**-rust God instead of panicking.

Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you. — Psalm 56:3

CONCLUSION: