

GOD IS ACTING IN OUR WAITING

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Vision: Manifesting
Christ in Many Ways
to Many People

Isaiah 64:1-4 NIV – Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! 2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! 3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. 4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

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The Word of God insists that we learn some of life's greatest lessons while we wait. Waiting rooms can be hard classrooms, but God promises vast rewards to those who wait for Him. God plans to use the long pauses in our lives for our blessing...if we let Him.

Ways God Becomes Personally Involved In Our Lives:

He reveals His will to us.
He gives to us clear direction.
He guides us to make wise choices.
He encourages us, protects us, and shields us.
He heals us, comforts us, teaches us and answers our prayers.
He empowers us and rejoices our hearts.

We must learn to wait for God's timing and direction.

To wait on God:

Requires patience.
Pause for further instruction.
Waiting is specifically and deliberately waiting for God to do something – that is an action.
Requires a calm acceptance of whatever God is doing in your life.
Trust Him to intervene.
Let go of what we think is an immediate need.
Requires we remove all the deadlines.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord." – Psalm 27:14

"None of those who wait for God will be ashamed." – Psalm 25:3

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." – Psalm 37:7

"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." – Psalm 37:34 (The Living Bible)

Reasons for Waiting:

1) He is readying the circumstances.

2) He is purifying our motives.

3) He is teaching us to trust Him.

I keep asking God for clarity. He keeps asking me for trust.

My unwillingness to wait upon God is my declaration, "I do not trust You."

4) He is protecting us.

5) We send an awesome testimony.

Choices we can make:

We can manipulate the circumstances.
We can quit and walk away.
We can wait, watch Him work, and gain the reward.

Requirements to Wait on God:

Faith
Patience
Humility
Courage

Consequences of Not Waiting on God:

Disappointment
You have stepped out of God's will.
You have lost God's best.
You bring upon yourself pressure, hurt and suffering.
Other people get hurt.

Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on the object we are waiting for.

WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS), GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES), GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS), GO (OUTREACH)

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER- 9A + 11A -THE WAITING ROOM AN ADVENT SERIES

As painful as it is for all of us, the truth of life is that we spend a lot of time waiting. Waiting to get married. Waiting for the birth of a child. Waiting for Christmas morning to come. For many, Christmas means overstuffed schedules, credit card debt, and skyrocketing stress. We struggle to find the connection between our holiday to-do lists and the story of Jesus' birth. Those who were originally waiting for the birth of the Messiah waited for centuries. This month we are going to examine the struggle and beauty of the wait. In fact, it's often where God does His very best work!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24- 3P + 4:30P - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT GATHERING

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 + 17 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Groups meet all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR WINTER SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES

Sign up now at the Next Steps table to join us for our Winter Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com