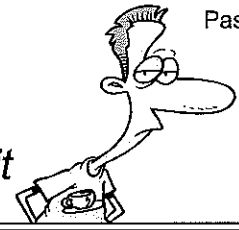


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What To Do When God Makes You Wait



1. Trust _____ (Gal.4:4)

2. Don't _____ (Prov.13:12)

3. Make _____ (Is.40:27-31)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion please call the church office at (949) 489-2600.

1. Few fail to empathize when someone says in frustration, "I hate to wait!" Identify and describe a situation in your life in which the resolve is beyond your control, and which requires an extra dose of patience.

2. Generally speaking, how well do you wait?

Spiritual maturity and strength of character go hand in hand. In what ways have you been deceived into thinking that you were at a particular level of spiritual maturity only to have a "little wait" reveal a wimpy and whiny character?

3. What are some of the sins that are spawned by impatience?

4. Describe a past situation in your life in which God made you wait – a situation in which God seemed distant and unresponsive – but then after a period of time he broke through and resolved the situation perfectly.

What advantage do you now see in *the timing* of his answer?

5. What are some of the differences one could notice between a prayer that has its focus and hope in God, and a prayer that is only fixated on the desired answer?

Write out a prayer about the situation that has you waiting, making sure it expresses a focus and hope in God.