



# Waiting and Readiness - Part 2: Who's Really Waiting

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## Intro

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What if the delay isn't on God's side, but ours? This teaching challenges the way we think about timing, revealing how fear, doubt, or comfort can hold us back from stepping into what God has already prepared. From the Israelites in the wilderness to Peter on the water, Scripture shows us moments where God's readiness waited on human response. It's time to stop passively waiting and start actively aligning. The promise still stands, are you ready to step in?

## My Intention and Assumptions

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I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

## About the Author

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### Introduction:

What if the waiting we so often experience in life isn’t about God’s delay, but about our readiness? It’s a challenging thought. We often speak about “waiting on God,” trusting in His perfect timing, but Scripture reveals something deeper: moments when God is the one waiting on us. He waits for our faith to grow, for our obedience to align with His purposes, and for our hearts to be fully surrendered.

Take the Israelites, for example. God delivered them from Egypt with mighty miracles, gave them a clear promise of the Promised Land, yet they spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness. Why? Because their fear and insecurities kept them from stepping into the promise. The delay wasn’t about God’s timing; it was about their readiness to trust Him.

The same principle applies to us. God promises to work all things together for our good and His glory, and His timing is always perfect; whether He’s waiting on us or we’re waiting on Him. The question is: Are we prepared to walk into what He’s already set in motion?

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### Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of this teaching is to challenge the way we think about waiting and timing. Instead of seeing ourselves as passively waiting on God, we’ll explore the possibility that God might be waiting on us. Through biblical examples, we’ll uncover how insecurities, disobedience, or lack of faith can create delays; not because God’s timing is off, but because we’re not ready to partner with Him.

This teaching is an invitation to examine our hearts and recognize the areas where God is calling us to step into alignment with His promises. By the end, you’ll see that His timing is indeed perfect, not because of the absence of delays, but because He uses every moment; whether we are waiting on Him or He is waiting on us; for His purpose and glory.

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## Main Points:

### 1. God’s Promise Is Ready, But Are We?

- **Example: The Israelites in the Wilderness**
  - Scripture: Numbers 14:1-4, 34
  - God’s promise of the Promised Land was ready, but their fear and lack of trust led them to reject it. As a result, they wandered for 40 years. The delay wasn’t about God’s timing; it was about their readiness.
  - **Reflection:** Are there areas in your life where fear or insecurity is keeping you from stepping into God’s promises? What might happen if you trusted Him fully today?

### 2. God Uses Seasons of Waiting to Prepare Us

- **Example: David’s Anointing to His Kingship**
  - Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:13; 2 Samuel 5:3-4
  - David was anointed as king as a young shepherd but spent years in preparation, facing challenges and growing in character. When the time came, he was ready to rule.
  - **Reflection:** Could the season you’re in be less about delay and more about God preparing you for the fulfillment of His promises?

### 3. God’s Timing Is Perfect, Regardless of Who’s Waiting

- **Example: Jesus’ Ministry After 30 Years of Preparation**
  - Scripture: Luke 3:23
  - Even the Son of God waited for the right time to step into His ministry. Yet, when the time came, everything unfolded with purpose and precision.
  - **Reflection:** Whether we’re waiting on Him or He’s waiting on us, God’s timing always results in the greatest good and His ultimate glory.

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### 4. What If God Is Waiting on You?

- **Example: Peter Walking on Water**
  - Scripture: Matthew 14:28-31
  - Jesus didn't hesitate to call Peter out of the boat. The question wasn't whether Jesus was ready; it was whether Peter was willing to step out in faith.
  - **Reflection:** Is God waiting for you to take the first step of obedience, faith, or surrender?

### 5. Joseph: From Prison to Power

- **Scripture:** Genesis 41:14-46
  - Joseph endured years of betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment, all while clinging to the dreams God had given him. In one day, he went from prisoner to prime minister, overseeing the fulfillment of God's plan to save Egypt and his own family.
  - **Reflection:** God's timing may seem delayed, but it's always perfect. Are you holding on to His promises during seasons of preparation?

### 6. Esther: A Queen for "Such a Time as This"

- **Scripture:** Esther 4:13-17
  - Esther's rise from obscurity to queen positioned her to save her people. Her courage in the moment of decision led to God's rapid fulfillment of His purpose.
  - **Reflection:** What unique position or role has God placed you in? Are you ready to respond when the time comes?

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### Application:

1. **Examine Your Readiness:** Ask yourself if there are areas in your life where fear, doubt, or distraction is delaying God's work in and through you.

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2. **Trust God's Timing:** Whether you feel like you're waiting or God is waiting, trust that His timing is perfect and purposeful.
  3. **Take Action:** Identify one area where you sense God is calling you to step forward in faith. What's the next step He's asking you to take?
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### Closing Reflection:

While we often think we're waiting on God, what if He's been waiting on us? The Israelites wandered for 40 years not because God's promise was delayed, but because they weren't ready to receive it. Yet even in their waiting, God worked everything for their good and His glory. The same is true for us today. His timing is perfect; not because there's no delay, but because He uses every moment to shape us for His purposes. Will we step into what He's already prepared, or will we let our own fears and insecurities hold us back? The choice is ours. Let's choose faith, readiness, and trust in His perfect plan.