

LEARNING TO WAIT

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We are not a patient people. What we are is a group of horn-honking, microwaving, fast-food eating, express lane shopping people. Most of us don't like to wait in traffic, on the phone, in the store, at the post office or anywhere else for that matter.

In our story that we have been studying, Jesus did not show Himself to His disciples as soon as the storm started. In fact, the Bible tells us that Jesus finally went to their aid, during the fourth watch of the night. It was sometime after 3 in the morning, whenever Jesus appeared to them, walking on the water.

He could have stopped the storm before it ever started. He could have stopped the storm when it started. He could have stopped it in the first watch, second or third, but He waited unto the fourth watch, just a few hours before the breaking of day, before He calmed the storm.

In my years of living for God, I have learned that God doesn't get in a hurry. He doesn't move at our frantic pace.

As much as we might not like waiting, waiting is something that all of us will do, if we walk with the Lord. We might think we need what we want right now, but God might be saying, "Wait on me."

Ps 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Ps 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him:

Does that describe you and what you are doing? Are you resting in the Lord? Are you waiting patiently for Him to do whatever it is that you think He should be doing?

Waiting is closely associated with faith.

Rom 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Waiting is not just something that we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process in us becoming the person that God wants us to be.