



Ordinary Faithfulness

steady Christian living in the normal pressures of life

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God teaches His people to wait with hope, trusting His character when His timing is hard to understand.

EMBARK

Waiting exposes what we trust. When answers are delayed, circumstances remain unresolved, or burdens continue longer than we expected, our hearts can grow restless, discouraged, or demanding. Scripture does not call believers to pretend waiting is easy. It calls us to wait with hope because the Lord is faithful, His mercies do not fail, and His promises are sure.



1. Why is waiting hard, especially when we cannot see what God is doing?

EXAMINE

READ Psalm 27:13–14

2. What confidence does David express in verse 13?
3. What does it mean to “wait for the Lord”?
4. Why does waiting require courage and strength?

READ Lamentations 3:21–26

5. What truth does Jeremiah call to mind in the middle of grief?
6. How do God’s faithful love and mercies give hope while we wait?
7. What does this passage teach about quietly waiting for the Lord’s salvation?

READ Romans 8:24–25

8. What virtues does Paul say about hope that is seen and hope that is unseen?
9. Why does Christian hope require endurance?
10. How does future hope help believers remain faithful in present waiting?

EXPOSE

We often struggle to wait with hope because the heart wants control, clarity, and quick relief.

We confuse delay with neglect

When God does not act on our timetable, we can begin to wonder whether He sees or cares.

We demand clarity before we will trust

We want God to explain the whole path before we take the next faithful step.

We seek relief more than endurance

We often want the waiting to end more than we want God to shape us through it.

We let uncertainty weaken our confidence in God's character

Waiting becomes dangerous when unanswered questions make us forget what God has already revealed about Himself.

Diagnostic questions:

- Where am I struggling to trust God's timing?
- Am I waiting with hope, or merely enduring with resentment?
- What truth about God do I need to call to mind right now?
- What faithful step can I take while I am still waiting?

THIS WEEK:

Choose one concrete step

- memorize or meditate on one promise of God
- write down one truth about God you need to remember while waiting
- pray honestly about one unresolved burden
- encourage someone who is waiting through a hard season
- take one faithful step without demanding to know the whole path

ENGAGE

Discuss these matters with your table and summarize your findings to share with the group.

Step 1: Identify

What kinds of situations make waiting especially difficult?

Step 2: Reflect

What does waiting tend to expose in our hearts?

Step 3: Apply

Where do you need to wait with greater hope, courage, or trust right now?

Step 4: Encourage

How can believers strengthen one another while they wait on the Lord?

MEMORIZE

Psalm 27:14 (CSB) "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord."

