



STEP UP, STEP OUT, BE BOLD.

This week looks at what do I need to **remember** when I'm in the waiting room of life? And what do I need to **do** when I'm in the waiting room of life? We will learn five things to **remember** while we wait, four things to **do** while we wait, and habits that will help us to grow spiritually as we wait.

'While I'm Waiting' - John Waller

"...I'm waiting on You Lord
and I am hopeful... though it is painful,
but patiently I will wait

Memory verse

With God everything is possible.

Matthew 19:26

...I will move ahead bold and confident
Taking every step in obedience

Mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus be our holy guest,
our morning joy, our evening rest,
and with our daily bread impart,
your love and peace to every heart.
Amen.

While I'm waiting, I will serve You
While I'm waiting, I will worship
While I'm waiting, I will not faint
I'll be running the race
even while I wait

'Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if
you're not willing to move your feet'

Unknown

...I am peaceful, I'm waiting on You Lord
Though it's not easy...
faithfully I will wait"

Last week: We looked at daring to plant in faith. There were twelve principles of sowing and reaping, planting and harvesting seed, that gave us encouragement for our faith.

How did you respond? Did you sow a seed when you had a need? Did you act, not on how you were feeling, but in sowing in obedience for the benefit of a larger harvest later? Plant seeds of faith, generously—you cannot run out.

Did you do anything? Or do you need to remember to act on it this week?

 **share** your highs and lows of the day.

 **read** &  **talk**

Read *Ecclesiastes 3:1-5*. Discuss or reflect on how waiting on God has had an effect on your spiritual, marital or financial well-being.

It is important to remember that there is an unseen spiritual battle (between God and Satan) going on and we Christians are in the middle of it. Read *Ephesians 6:12* and share or ponder your experiences of how delay was *not* a denial from God.

Read *Daniel 10:11-13*. The good news is that God has power over the enemy's attack. Share or reflect on a time when you were discouraged or depressed because your prayers were not being answered. Which of God's promises can you claim against the darts of the enemy?

Read *Hebrews 6:12*. Waiting is not passive; imitating the habits that grow strong faith builds personal maturity. These five actions will prevent you from putting your life on hold when you are in the waiting room: keep praying, keep serving, keep going to small group, keep sowing and keep believing. How do you think God can use these to refine you when your dream is delayed?

Keep praying: How do your prayers reflect your belief that your dream will be fulfilled?

Keep on serving: In what ways do you think God blesses you when you are serving?

Keep going to small group: How does God use a fellowship of believers to encourage and uplift when life's delays happen? What can your group do to help other members when their dreams are postponed?

Keep sowing: How have you grown spiritually as a result of waiting for the harvest?

Keep on believing: If God cannot direct a parked car, what step of faith will you take this week to move towards your goal? How can your time in the waiting room amplify your trust in God?

 **pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.

 **bless** one another with words of perseverance and patience.