

For Biblical heroes, God's will often unfolded slowly. Think of Abraham and Sarah waiting decades for a child; David waiting to ascend to the throne; Joseph spending his twenties in an Egyptian jail; Paul being imprisoned for 5 years in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome. Think of the man in John 5 who suffered from an infirmity for 38 years before Jesus healed him.

When God shows us the way forward, we shouldn't hesitate a moment before proceeding. But when we don't have the opportunity or inner peace to move forward, we trust in God's timing. We wait while He works. Waiting time is not wasted time. Time is one of God's most effective tools for teaching us to rely on Him.

The Lord is working in our circumstances to align all the details to His will. He is working on us to develop patience, perseverance, character, and optimism. God works as we are waiting, so trust Him in times of little observable progress. Isaiah 40:31 says: "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." So remember, in due time, He *will* give you the victory!

Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart."