

Waiting on the Lord

“Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God?’ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to [those who have] no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew [their] strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:27-31 NKJV)

I don't do well waiting for things to happen. I should have learned my lesson by now, but this is still a struggle for me. Maybe you can identify.

I think the problem lies with a lack of understanding. God is not worried about making things happen. He will always arrive at the intended end without compromise. You know, we say the end sometimes justifies the means. We say that to excuse our wrongdoings. God also knows the end justifies the means, but His purpose is to mold us into the image of His Son. Therefore, He uses the means [life] to knock off the rough edges, to shape us.

I have run ahead of the Lord in a number of things. Those impulses have usually brought me distress and a good measure of pain. Wouldn't it be great if we could avoid some of this?

If we want to do so, I think we need to understand, as Isaiah records for us, that God does not faint or grow weary in His vigilance over us. He is also not worried about getting the job done, “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete [it] until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6 NKJV).

We need to learn the lesson of waiting upon the Lord. If you were to teach this lesson, how would you do it? Wouldn't you keep setting up opportunities for your student to wait? I think God does the same thing. He does this so that He will have the proper place in your life. This is for your good. When God has that place He shall renew your strength, and you will begin to soar in your faith. Therefore, stop thinking about solving all the problems, and learn how to live through the problems by trusting in your Heavenly Father.

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have [its] perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:2-5 NKJV) Pray for the wisdom to endure.