

<u>Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 12/10/2023</u>

Lamentations 3:25 (ESV)

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Isaiah 7:14

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

When you are waiting: Don't take matters into your own hands.

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

...but they who wait for 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.

When you are waiting: Don't lose perspective of what God can do.

2 Peter 3:8

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

When you are waiting: Trust that God is at work even while you are waiting.

Romans 5:3-4

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

God is always present and at work.

Psalm 27:13-14

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

When you are waiting: Focus on Waiting FOR God while you are waiting ON God.

Psalm 130:5-6 (NIV)

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

What if God is waiting on you?

Psalm 145:8

The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.