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WORTH THE WAIT

This is what the LORD says: “At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation I will help you. I will protect you and give you to the people as my covenant with them. Through you I will reestablish the land of Israel and assign it to its own people again. Isaiah 49:8 (NLT)

Waiting seems to be one of the hardest lessons we have to learn in this life. Some of us are naturally more patient than others. I don't want to name names, but I have two kids; one of them is incredible at waiting. It doesn't matter where, why, or for what purpose, but he can sit patiently and wait endlessly. Conversely, my other child seems to have completely missed out on the patience gene. The most minor inconvenience will be met with persistent complaints and whining that slowly increases in frequency. No matter how often we give them opportunities to practice patience, one of my darling children just cannot seem to accept that anything in life is worth waiting for.

We can all probably relate to an impatient child sometimes. We impatiently wait for God's healing for family, friends, or ourselves. We impatiently wait for God to intervene in our personal struggles and in the chaos and suffering all over our world. Today's verse reminds us that even when we struggle to wait, God has a plan for us. Just as we see God's plan unfold throughout the Bible, His plan continues in our lives. We are living in that glorious unfolding even today!

If we are honest, waiting is never really fun. It is especially difficult when we do not understand the purpose or the plan in the waiting. When the impatience grows, remember that although we don't know the plan, we do know the planner, and we can trust Him to answer our prayers in His perfect timing.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for always having our best interest in mind. We may not understand Your plan for us and our world, but help us to be patient and trust in Your timing, strength, and love for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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