

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

'Dis'cipline of Delay

Worksheet 25: **April 30, 2015**—*patience*

When it is necessary—and it often is—for us to be delayed by God and others, we can become so 'dis'gruntled, 'dis'appointed, 'dis'illusioned, and 'dis'couraged that it's not hard to see why God puts us through this waiting 'dis'cipline so much.

“God keeps His appointments—every one—
and He is always right on time:
the delay we experience is not denial, but, rather,
deference to the **God Who Knows what-time-it-really-is!**

“Delay is written large in the lives of God's people.”

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Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Exodus 12:41-42a

Exodus 12:51

♥**And then Exodus 19:1** *“In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt--on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.”*

Proverbs 19:11

Romans 5:3-4 (pain is gain)

Hebrews 10:35-36

Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 12:11 *“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. V. R. Edman reminds us that God’s people in the Bible endured delay. Draw a line from the statement on the left to its answer on the right.

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| Moses delayed | at the altar of God |
| Abraham and Sarah delayed | in prison for 10 years |
| Joseph delayed | in Nazareth for 30 years |
| Hannah delayed | receiving the son of promise |
| David delayed | in obscurity of the desert |
| Jesus delayed | anointing and kingship realized |

2. Read **Psalm 40:1-3**—after David said that he waited *patiently* for the LORD, he rejoiced in God’s answers! List the six below.

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| a. _____ to me | d. _____ my feet |
| b. _____ my cry | e. _____ me a firm place |
| c. _____ me out | f. _____ a new song |

♦**So that:** Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD!

3. **1 Corinthians 13:4a** defines agape?—God’s love. Look up the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Love is _____; love is _____.

Delay never thwarts God’s purposes, rather, it polishes His instrument.”

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Recommended Reading:

Disciplines of Life, V. Raymond Edman

Divine Interruptions, Tony McAfee

In every life
There's a pause that is better than onward rush,
Better than hewing or mightiest doing;
'Tis the standing still at Sovereign will.

There's a hush that is better than ardent speech.
Better than sighing or wilderness crying;
'Tis the being still at Sovereign will.

The pause and the hush sing a double song
In unison low and for all time long.
O human soul, God's working plan
Goes on, nor needs the aid of man!

Stand still, and see!
Be still, and know!

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Charles Spurgeon **Morning** and Evening
August 30

“Wait on the Lord”

Psalm 27:14

“It may seem an easy thing to *wait*, but it is one of the postures which a Christian soldier learns not without years of teaching. Marching and quick-marching are much easier to God’s warriors than standing still. There are hours of perplexity when the most willing spirit, anxiously desirous to serve the Lord, knows not what part to take.

“Then what shall it do? Vex itself by despair? Fly back in cowardice, turn to the right hand in fear, or rush forward in presumption? No, but simply wait. ***Wait in prayer***, however. Call upon God, and spread the case before Him; tell Him your difficulty, and plead His promise of aid. In dilemmas between one duty and another, it is sweet to be humble as a child, and ***wait with simplicity of soul*** upon the Lord.

“It is sure to be well with us when we feel and know our own folly, and are heartily willing to be guided by the will of God. But ***wait in faith***. Express your unshattering confidence in Him; for **unfaithful, untrusting waiting, is but an insult to the Lord**. Believe that if He keep you tarrying even till midnight, yet He will come at the right time; the vision shall come and shall not tarry. ***Wait in quiet patience***, not rebelling because you are under the affliction, but blessing your God for it.

“Never murmur against the second cause, as the children of Israel did against Moses; never wish you could go back to the world again, but accept the case as it is, and put it as it stands, simply and with your whole heart, without any self-will, into the hand of your covenant God, saying, ‘Now, **Lord, not my will, but Thine be done**. I know not what to do; I am brought to extremities, but **I will wait until Thou shalt cleave the floods, or drive back my foes. I will wait, if Thou keep me many a day, for my heart is fixed upon Thee alone, O God**, and my spirit waiteth for Thee in the full conviction that Thou wilt yet be my joy and my salvation, my refuge and my strong tower.’”