

Bible Besties, waiting can be one of the hardest parts of our walk with God. We pray, we hope, and we look for something to change. Sometimes we are waiting for direction, a restored relationship, an answered prayer, or healing for ourselves or someone we love.

We may find ourselves asking, “Lord, how much longer?”

God welcomes our honest prayers. Waiting faithfully does not mean we never cry, become tired, or have questions. It means we continue turning toward Him with those burdens.

In Isaiah 40:27, God’s people express concern that their way is hidden from Him. The verses that follow remind them that the everlasting God does not grow weary and that His understanding is beyond searching. He gives strength to the weak.

Our strength may run low, but God’s does not.

To wait on the Lord is to place our hope in Him, depend on His wisdom, and remain faithful while the outcome is still beyond our sight.

10 Ways We Wait on God

1. **We wait through the healing process. Psalm 147:3; 2 Corinthians 12:7–10**

   Healing can involve physical illness, emotional wounds, or a heart burdened by grief. We can ask God boldly for healing while trusting Him with its timing and outcome. Paul asked repeatedly for his suffering to be removed, yet God answered him with sustaining grace. We are not promised that every illness will disappear in this life, but we can depend on the Lord in our weakness. Receiving appropriate care, resting, and accepting help can be part of walking faithfully through this season.

2. **We wait through continued prayer. Psalm 62:8; Luke 18:1**

   Bring the concern before God again. Tell Him what hurts, what frightens you, and what you need. Jesus taught His disciples to keep praying and not lose heart. We do not have to make our prayers sound strong before we bring them to Him. Sometimes an honest prayer is simply, "Lord, I am tired. Please help me today."

3. **We wait by staying in God's Word. Psalm 119:105; Romans 15:4**

   Scripture reminds us of God's character when our circumstances feel confusing. Keep reading, even if you can only take in a few verses at a time. Let His Word guide your next step and shape your hope. You may not understand everything happening around you, but you can keep learning who God is.

4. **We wait for direction with a willing heart. Proverbs 3:5–6; James 1:5**

   Ask God for wisdom before rushing into a decision. Examine your choices in light of Scripture and seek wise counsel.

Trusting Him includes admitting that our understanding is limited. As you seek direction, continue obeying what He has already made clear.

5. **We wait by doing today's faithful work. Galatians 6:9**

   There may still be someone to encourage, a responsibility to fulfill, or an act of kindness to offer. A season of waiting does not suspend our calling to love God and love people. Do the good that is before you, within the strength and abilities you have today.

6. **We wait by surrendering our timetable. Psalm 31:14–15**

   We often know when we would like something to happen. Surrender means placing that desire before God while acknowledging that our times are in His hands. We can make plans and take responsible steps without demanding that everything unfold according to our schedule.

7. **We wait for loved ones with love and prayer. Romans 10:1; 2 Timothy 2:24–26**

   Some of us are praying for a child, spouse, friend, or family member to turn to Christ. Continue praying, speaking truth gently, and showing consistent love. We cannot force another person's repentance or faith. We can remain faithful witnesses while entrusting them to God.

8. **We wait through grief with honest hope. John 11:33–36; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14**

   Jesus wept at Lazarus's tomb. Tears are not evidence that faith has failed. When sorrow comes, we can grieve honestly and receive comfort from others. Because Jesus died and rose again, believers have hope that reaches beyond death. That hope gives us somewhere to rest our hearts even while they ache.

9. **We wait with thanksgiving and worship. Habakkuk 3:17–19**

   Habakkuk described devastating loss and still expressed joy in the God of his salvation. Worship does not require us to pretend that suffering feels good. We can acknowledge the pain and still thank God for His mercy, His presence, and the salvation we have in Christ.

10. **We wait by receiving strength for the next step. Isaiah 40:29–31; Matthew 6:34**

    You do not have to carry tomorrow's burdens today. Ask God for the strength to face what is before you. Sometimes that means taking another courageous step. ***Sometimes it means resting and allowing someone to help you.*** Your dependence on the Lord matters even when your progress feels small. AMEN!

Bible Besties, remember this:

A difficult day is not proof that God has forgotten you. A long healing process is not proof that your faith is too small. Being weary does not place you beyond His care.

Biblical hope rests on God's faithfulness. Perseverance means continuing to trust and obey through difficulty. Surrender means entrusting the outcome to Him while remaining faithful with what He has given us to do.

Jesus understands suffering. In Gethsemane, He brought His anguish before the Father and submitted to the Father's will (Matthew 26:36–46). Through His death and resurrection, He secured our greatest hope: forgiveness and eternal life in Him.

We may not know how long the waiting will last, but we know the Savior to whom we can turn throughout it.

Consider today: *What am I waiting for, and what would one faithful step look like while I wait?*

Let's Pray

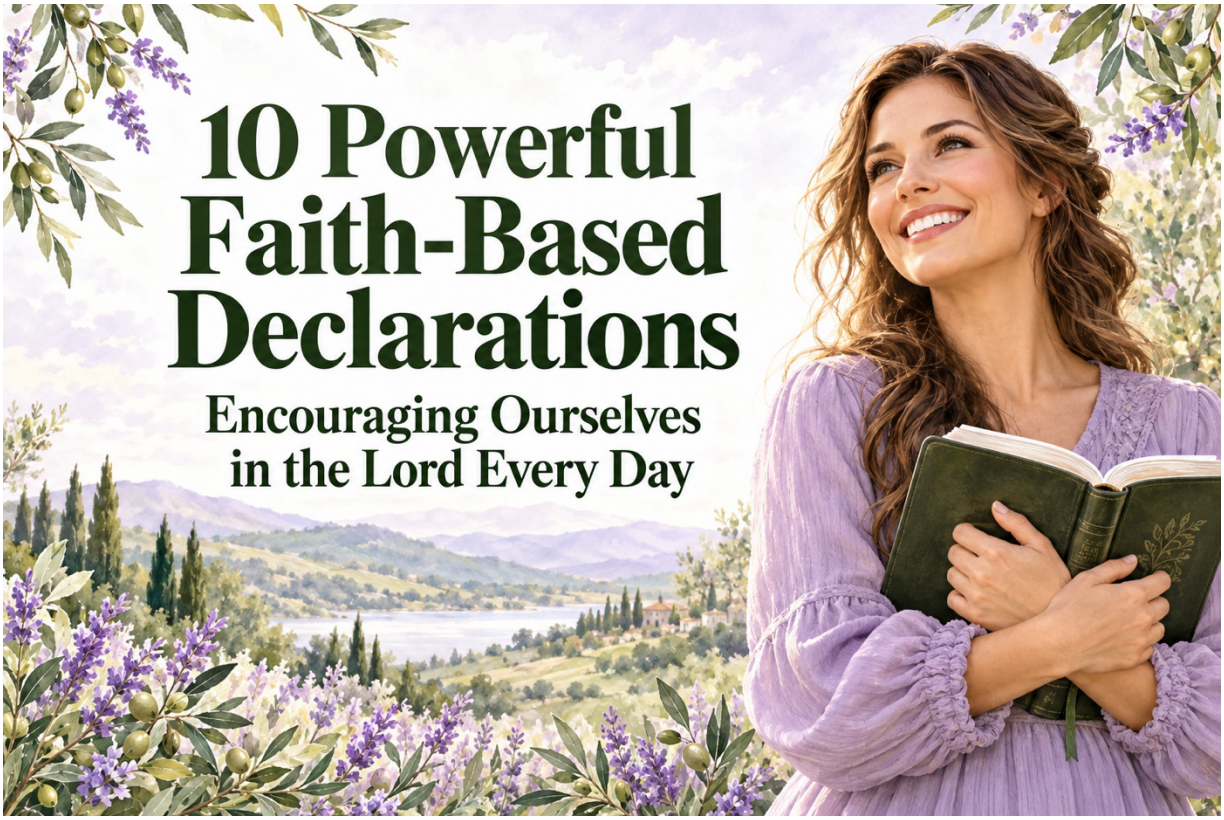
Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing us in our waiting. You know every diagnosis, every unanswered question, every family concern, and every tear. We ask You for healing, wisdom, comfort, and renewed strength.

Help us trust You when we cannot see what comes next. Teach us to pray honestly, remain in Your Word, receive help, and obey You today. Give rest to those who are exhausted and comfort to those who are grieving. Help us recognize Your sustaining grace through every part of the process.

Keep our hearts anchored in Jesus and our hope rooted in Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Bible Besties, I'm including these **10 Faith-Based Declarations** with today's message, **"Waiting on God,"** to encourage your hearts and help you keep His truth close throughout the day. Whether you're walking through a healing process, praying for a loved one, or waiting for direction, I pray these Scripture-based reminders help you turn to the Lord with renewed hope. Read them, reflect on the verses, and speak them as reminders of what God's Word teaches. Even when you feel weary or uncertain, you can bring your heart honestly before Him. **You are deeply loved, and you do not have to walk through this waiting season alone!**

With love and prayers,
Stephanie 💜



Bible Besties, these declarations help us remember what Scripture teaches and respond in faith. Our confidence rests in the faithful God who hears us, loves us, and leads us.

1. **I belong to Jesus Christ!**
   Through faith in Jesus, I am a child of God. My identity is rooted in Him, and I will remember whose I am.
   John 1:12; Galatians 3:26

2. **God is with me today!**
   Whatever I face, I am not alone. The Lord will never leave me or forsake me, and I can depend on His presence.
   Hebrews 13:5–6

3. **The Lord is my strength!**
   When I feel weak or weary, His grace is sufficient for me. I can depend on Christ's strength through my weakness.
   2 Corinthians 12:9–10

4. **I will trust God when I do not understand!**
   I do not have to know every answer to follow Him faithfully. I will acknowledge Him in my decisions and trust His wisdom above my own. *Proverbs 3:5–6*

5. **I will bring my worries to God in prayer!**
   Because He cares for me, I can tell Him everything that burdens my heart. I will seek His peace and entrust my concerns to Him.
   1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6–7

6. **In Christ, I am forgiven and made new!**
   My past does not have the final word over my life. I will walk in the forgiveness I have through Jesus and continue growing in obedience to Him. *Ephesians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

7. **God's Word will guide my steps!**
   I will fill my mind with His truth and put it into practice. His Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
   Psalm 119:105; James 1:22

8. **I will wait on the Lord with hope!**
   Through healing, uncertainty, and unanswered questions, I will keep turning to Him. I can ask for His help, receive His strength, and trust Him with the outcome.
   Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:28–31

9. **By the Holy Spirit, I can grow in Christlike character!**
   As I abide in Jesus and walk by the Spirit, I will seek to bear fruit that honors Him: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
   John 15:4–5; Galatians 5:22–23

10. **My hope is secure in the risen Jesus!**
    Even in hardship, nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ. Because Jesus lives, I have a living hope and an eternal future with Him. *Romans 8:38–39; 1 Peter 1:3–4*

Bible Besties, speak these truths, reflect on the Scriptures, and let them shape how you live. On the days when your voice trembles, God is still faithful!

