

## What To Do When Your Life Gets Put On Hold

Introduction: For the last number of months we have experienced something new to us, slowing down. This got me to thinking of what do we do when our life gets put on hold?

### I) Bible People Who Got Put on Hold

A) \_\_\_\_\_ and Sarah, Genesis 12:1-4.

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ years they had to wait for a child to be born, **Genesis 21:2-5**
2. I think waiting 25 years qualifies as having to wait a long time.

B) \_\_\_\_\_

1. His birth and upbringing is recorded in Exodus 2.
2. He was reared in Pharaoh's household but taught as a Hebrew. **Exodus 2:11-12**
3. At this point, Moses was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. We might think of this as being in his prime. **Acts 7:23 - 25.**
4. Then for \_\_\_\_\_ years Moses tended herds in the land of Midian. **Acts 7:29, Exodus 2:15-16, Acts 7:30**
5. The last \_\_\_\_\_ years Moses is God's prophet, leading the children out of Egypt to Mount Sinai, into the wilderness, and to the edge of Canaan. **Acts 7:36**

C) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who is Anna? **Luke 2:36 - 38**
2. She had been waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ to come her whole life, 84 years.
3. Often God made His people wait on Him, wait until He said the time was right.

### II) What Do You Do When Your Life Gets Put on Hold?

A) **Did you think more about \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

1. Anna was serving God with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ night and day.
2. Various passages such as "pray without ceasing" 1 Thess. 5:17; **Luke 6:12**
3. Jesus encourages us to pray and not grow weary.
4. We read of Peter being delivered from the prison by an angel of God. But what were the disciples doing? \_\_\_\_\_ **Acts 12:12, 1 John 5:14 - 15**
5. An acronym that might help is ACTS - \_\_\_\_\_.

B) **Did you spend more time in studying \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

1. God's people are a Bible based people. **Matthew 7:24**
2. The people at Berea is praised for their study of God's word. **Acts 17:11**
3. Have you been diligent in reading and studying God's word?

C) **Did you work on you?**

1. There are various things most of us need to work on.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ **-Romans 12:10**
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ **- Romans 12:21.**
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ **- James 1:27**
2. I don't know about you but I know I have a lot of things to work on.

**Conclusion:** As a preacher this offered a new set of challenges and opportunities. The fact is no one's life is really on "hold." Abraham during his 25 years waiting for Isaac's birth still lived and served God. We don't know what Moses did for those 40 years in Midian but he learned how to herd livestock and people. Anna served God in the temple. How about you?