

# Don't Waste Your Wait: Waiting is to be Expected<sup>1</sup>

*“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.”*

James 5:7–8

## Recap

- Waiting is part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for your life!
- Waiting on God is living on the basis of what we know to be true about \_\_\_\_\_ when we don't know what's true about \_\_\_\_\_. – Mark Vroegop.

## Biblical Expressions of the Normalcy of Waiting

- Biblical characters.
- James 5:7–8.
- Ephesians 4:11–15.

## Three Dangers of Failing to Wait

- A\_\_\_\_\_.
- A\_\_\_\_\_.
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## Six Benefits of Waiting

- Waiting cultivates \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord (Psalm 27:14; 40:1; Isaiah 33:2; Micah 7:7).
- Waiting cultivates \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:2–3; Romans 5:3; 2 Peter 3:11–12).
- Waiting cultivates \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 4:18–21; Hebrews 11:11).
- Waiting \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ (Hebrews 12:1; James 5:10–11).
- Waiting puts \_\_\_\_\_ in right perspective (Hebrews 12:2–3).
- Waiting results in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 37:3–4, 7–9; 62:1; Isaiah 30:18; Lamentations 3:25–26; Revelation 22:7, 12).

*“Waiting isn't a supplemental experience of the Christian life. It's central. Following Jesus involves a life of waiting.” - Mark Vroegop*

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