

THE WAITING GAME

Psalm 130:1-8

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I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. Psalm 40:1

Why does God so often make us play the waiting game?

1. Waiting on God removes stumbling blocks.

A. Time waiting in the pit makes you deal with pride.

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride. Daniel 4:37

B. Time waiting in the pit makes you deal with independence.

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my Wo eyes." Judges 16:28 .

2. Waiting on God develops expectation.

A. Time waiting on God is not spent hoping for forgiveness in the pit.

If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. Psalm 130:3-4

B. Time waiting on God is spent expecting a great deliverance.

I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchman for the morning; indeed more than the watchman for the morning. Psalm 130:5-6

3. Waiting on God produces intimacy.

A. He is especially near to the pit.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

B. He will provide for you in the pit.

C. He will bring you out at the proper time.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Regardless of your pit, wait patiently and expectantly on Jesus.