

*The Right Way to Wait*

Just Can’t Wait – Part 1

Matthew 3:1-12

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Q. Do you like to wait? Do you hate waiting? Is there anything that you just can’t wait for right now?

Matthew 3:1-10 *Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'" 4 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. 10 The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”* (NAU)

1. The Right Way to Wait. (Vs. 1-6)
2. Waiting on the Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 1)
3. Waiting on the Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 2-5)
4. Waiting on the Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 6)
5. The Wrong Way to Wait. (Vs. 7-10)
6. Waiting on the Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 7-8)
7. Waiting on the Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 9-10)

Isaiah 40:31 *Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.* (NAU)

Psalm 27:13-14  *I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.*  (NAU)

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What are you waiting for?
2. How are you with waiting? When have you waited poorly? When have you waited well?
3. What are some ways that you have intentionally waited on the Lord?
4. When you wait do you wait humbly or arrogantly? How do you demonstrate this?
5. What does it mean to let go of your agenda and wait on another’s agenda? On God’s agenda? How do you do this? How have you experienced Jesus’ grace by letting go of your agenda?