

# Lifelines

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Topic: *Waiting for God*

## **Waiting for God** **By Dr. Ed Jordan © 2026**

One of the hardest things to do is to wait. For anything. Yet waiting is required in almost every facet of our human lives. In winter we wait for the buds of spring, and in the heat of August we wait for the crisp cooling of autumn. A pregnant lady nurtures the growing life within her, waiting for the birth of her child. Many of us wait for that long-awaited vacation, only to experience its end all too quickly.

I have waited for many things in my life. Often the waiting is because God has a specific time for that which we wait to receive, and we must always wait for His timing in the matter.

Waiting can be frustrating, but if you are a Christian, seeking to fulfill God's wonderful plans for your life, you must wait patiently. One principle that encouraged me during delays in what I was waiting for, is that God wants to give us the very best. When we rush the decision, or ignore His guidance, we might be settling for second best. But then again, even our rush decision was known to God before we made it, so He can still guide us to fulfill His will.

I remember a particularly frustrating time for me, but in the end God was redirecting my life and career. I graduated at the top of my class from the university, and applied for many social worker positions. All of my close friends quickly got hired. I did not. I couldn't understand why with my skills, competence, and education, I could not get a job. I soon realized that was probably because my two years of practicum experience was in Chaplaincy, one at the State Mental Hospital, and one at the Veterans Administration. Secular government offices did not prefer to have an active Christian being the touchstone with their clients.

Regardless, I was going broke without employment, so I took a job as a maid (housekeeping services) in a hotel. It was a humbling experience, but I needed the work, and learned to clean a room in under 5 minutes. I was the only male, working with sixty-five female maids. Fortunately, that job did not last long.

About a month later a friend helped me to be hired as an electrician's apprentice. I installed conduit and pulled wires, nothing dangerous. A month later, the journeyman had a medical emergency, and I was promoted to journeyman, under the close watch of a Master Electrician. I made more money per hour than I had ever made in my life, paid off all my bills, and had money to pay my rent, food and utilities.

After several months, I was offered a job as a church youth director in Las Vegas. God urged me to take that job. He was redirecting me to the career He had planned for my life. I left the electrician job, and moved to Las Vegas where God developed a booming youth ministry. During that time I applied to work on my Master's Degree in Divinity (Theology). I flew from San Francisco to Vegas for holidays and summers to do youth work for three years. I worked there for two years after Seminary, then was called to Pastor a church near Lake Tahoe.

Sometimes God uses the waiting times to redirect us. So in the midst of your waiting, take time to connect with God and discover what you should be doing while waiting. Is a course correction in the works? One of the best Bible verses about waiting is found in Isaiah 40:31 (NASB95) which

states: “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.” The word “wait” is not passive, like our English word conveys. The Hebrew root word for “wait” is “to intertwine your life with.”

Thus those who intertwine their life with the Lord, receive several benefits or side-effects. They will “renew their strength,” and experience an ongoing strength to wait, survive, and flourish. They will “mount up on wings of eagles,” stretching out to ride on the winds of God’s Spirit, allowing you to soar above your struggles. As you soar, you also get a whole new perspective of your life and the path you are to take. God will help you run without tuckering out, and if it is all uphill you will have strength to walk and not faint.

Waiting for God, and wait with God, changing your mindset, your stamina, and often the course of your life. Why not intertwine your life with God today?

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