

WHEN GOD IS SILENT - HE IS WORKING

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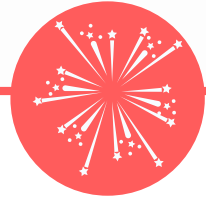
WORD

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

Romans 8:28 (MSG)



SPARKS

- What's the longest you've ever waited in line for something? Was it worth it?
- What's one thing you were sure would happen quickly, but ended up taking much longer?
- If there were a "skip waiting" button in life, what situation would you press it for?

One of the hardest parts of faith is not pain—it's uncertainty. Pain has a shape; you know what hurts and where it hurts. But uncertainty has no shape. You don't know what's next, how long this season will last, or sometimes even what to pray for anymore. The greatest danger in waiting is not the delay itself, but what uncertainty begins to whisper to our hearts: "Maybe God forgot. Maybe I misunderstood. Maybe nothing is happening at all." Today's focus is not about resolving uncertainty, but about anchoring our faith even while the future remains unclear.

1. 1.GOD IS STILL WORKING EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Paul does not say that all things are good. He says that God works in all things. That means even in the silence, even in the waiting, and even in seasons of uncertainty, God is still at work behind the scenes. Silence often tempts us to assume that God is absent, that nothing is happening, or that He has stepped away from our situation. But Scripture reminds us that this is not true. God's activity is not dependent on what we can see or hear. Even when He seems quiet, He is still moving, still aligning things, and still fulfilling His purposes. The big idea we hold on to is this. Silence is not absence.

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2. WAITING RE-ANCHOR OUR HOPE IN GOD ALONE

Psalm 62:5 (NIV)

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Waiting reveals what we are attached to. When progress is visible, we trust progress, and when outcomes move, we trust outcomes. But when things slow down, waiting exposes misplaced anchors and shows us where our hope has been resting.

Control needs explanation, but trust rests in God's character. In seasons of waiting, God begins to detach us from the need to control and instead teaches us to trust Him more deeply. Through this process, waiting reveals what has been holding us back. Control weakens, and trust strengthens as our hope becomes anchored in God alone.

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3. WAITING TEACHES TRUST BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Waiting teaches trust beyond understanding. There are seasons when what we see does not make sense, and we are tempted to lean on our own understanding instead of trusting God.

Burial and planting look identical. Same soil, same darkness, same pressure, but different purpose. Burial is an ending. Planting is preparation. In the same way, waiting may feel like an ending, but it is actually formation, not punishment.

Waiting ends in purpose, not confusion.

God does not waste silent seasons. Even when nothing seems to be happening, He is still at work. God does not waste waiting.

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LIVE IT!

- Continue trusting God's character, even when you don't have clarity.
- Refuse panic in uncertainty and choose to remain anchored in faith.
- Remain faithful and obedient without needing full understanding.
- Stay attached to God in the dark seasons and trust His process
- Interpret silence as formation, not rejection, because God is still moving.



PRAYER

- Ask God to teach us to trust Him in silence and anchor our hope in Him alone.
- Pray for strength for those who are weary in waiting
- Ask God for grace to remain faithful while He prepares what cannot yet be seen.

