

Spreading the **WORD** Ministry



Gratitude In Waiting Sara Nicholson

Waiting is something that none of us really enjoy, but it's often where God's most profound work takes place in our lives. In the Bible, many of God's people experienced long periods of waiting, yet their patience and faith were rewarded in ways they couldn't have imagined. These moments remind us that while we wait, God is still working—shaping our hearts, strengthening our trust, and preparing something even better than we imagine.

One powerful example is Joseph, whose life was filled with waiting. After being betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, and wrongfully imprisoned, Joseph could have easily given up. But he trusted that God had a plan, even when he couldn't see it. Years later, Joseph became a leader in Egypt, and his position allowed him to save his family and countless others from famine. What looked like a series of setbacks was God setting the stage for something much greater (Genesis 37-50). Joseph's story teaches us that during the waiting, God is preparing us for what's to come.

Another powerful story of waiting is Abraham and Sarah's long wait for their promised son. God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations, but years passed without any sign of a child. Abraham and Sarah grew old, and Sarah even doubted the promise. Yet, at the appointed time, God fulfilled His word, and Isaac was born (Genesis 17-21). Abraham's faith through the waiting was counted to him as righteousness (Romans 4:20-22). Their story shows that even when God's promises seem delayed, He is always faithful to fulfill them.

Hannah, another example, longed for a child for many years. Her waiting wasn't easy, but she continued to pray and trust in God's timing. When she was finally blessed with a son, Samuel, her heart overflowed with gratitude—not just for the answered prayer, but for the faith God had strengthened in her during the wait. Hannah's story is a reminder that the waiting period is often a time of preparation and spiritual growth (1 Samuel 1-2).

Waiting on God can often feel like wandering in the wilderness, but in those moments of uncertainty, God is often at work in ways we can't see. It's in these times that our faith deepens and our reliance on Him grows. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." When we trust Him during the waiting, we are aligned with His perfect plan. As we reflect on this season of thankfulness, let's remember that waiting is a gift. While we may not always understand the purpose of the wait, we can trust that God is always at work. His timing is perfect, and His plans for us are good. In the waiting, let's choose gratitude because we know He is working it out for our good, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28

Be Sure To Check Your Envelope

Each month when you receive your newsletter we enclose a return envelope for any gifts you would like to mail back to us. This month along with the return envelope you will find a 2025 calendar and a special letter. Please do not miss any of these items.

Also, it is the time of the year we update our mailing list. As we have previously made known we do not buy or sell any names on our mailing list. We only send it to those who, like you, whom are interested in Spreading the **WORD** Ministry. Because of the passing of some and others who have moved and left no forwarding address our mailing list has become smaller this year. Perhaps you have a family member, neighbor or church group you think would be interested in knowing more about the ministry and would like to be kept informed of the wonderful works God is doing through the ministry? Would you please drop their name and address in the return envelope and we will make sure your request is granted.

We are certain God is using this work to win souls to Him and to edify each other. Without your help we know the job would be more difficult. From the bottom of our hearts we say, Thank You!

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR ENVELOPE!!!!

**"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing
by the WORD of God." Romans 10:17**

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Blind, But Now I Finally See Christopher Kolker MD

I was stupid, too blind to see.

I had been seeing Marvin for quite some time as a patient. Every time he would come in, he would tell me about the health of his mother. She was 100 years old. He would never talk about his health and only lament about hers.

His concern was immense. Despite her age, any change in her health would send Marvin reeling. He constantly proclaimed, "I know she won't live forever. But I want her to be as comfortable as she can when she's here." But then he would list symptom after symptom, driving me crazy with his meticulousness and attention to excruciating detail. Hearing that and knowing he had lived his entire life with her, I thought he was crazy with serious "mother issues."

After years of this, she finally passed away from a sudden bout of pneumonia. I saw Marvin in my office only a couple of weeks later. I thought he would be relieved, being released from all the burdens of his constant care. "Finally, some peace," I muttered to myself. But as soon as I walked into the examination room, I could see I was very wrong. His head in his hands, his eyes bloodshot from tears and grief, he only glanced in my direction. He began, "I gave my whole life to her. And it wasn't a waste. Even though I gave up an art and advertising career in Philadelphia, I would do it again. She brought so much joy to everyone she touched; it was a privilege to take care of her."

My mind still closed, I asked one of the dumbest questions of my career. "Aren't you a bit relieved she's gone?"

He looked at me like I was an ignorant child. Stunned by his gaze, I muttered, "Never mind," and proceeded with feigned professionalism the rest of the appointment. There was nothing wrong with him. I saw love at its purest and was too ignorant to know what I saw. He gave his life for hers and, in the end, still had no regrets. The problem was with me. Please don't be as stupid as me. Our Lord and Savior gave His life for you. He gave us the ultimate blessing of Jesus Christ, but He also gives us small blessings every day, such as our families' love, our nation's freedom, beautiful sunsets, the birds' sweet chirping, and so many daily comforts, none of which we deserve.

Open your eyes and see His love surrounding you every day. It's in the small gestures, the familiar faces, and the moments of joy. Recognize it, cherish it, and be grateful for it.

I wish I had years ago.

I will speak of the
glorious honour of thy
majesty, and of thy
wondrous works.

Psalm 145:5



I am a regular listener and my sisters were here today and I shared the listening to Spreading the **WORD** broadcast with them. We all enjoyed it so much and as always learned something new.

Thank You Sincerely,
C. Barton

There is great strength and empowerment in God's **WORD**. We all need to hear it and know that he is in it!

M. Smithwick

I think that an attitude of service is an important part of the Christian life. Knowing what to do and how to serve God and those around us is something we must seek guidance for.

God sees our lives and helps us in the journey.,
Sally, T.

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