

Worth the Wait

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¹⁰ “You were tired out by the length of your road, *Yet* you did not say, ‘It is hopeless.’ You found renewed strength, *Therefore*, you did not faint.”

Yesterday, we saw that Abraham didn’t wait for the Lord to provide him a son. Instead, he took matters into his own hands. His decision not to wait for God’s time and method revealed several things about him.

First, it showed that he was impatient. **Second**, he doubted God. Though he believed the Lord would give him a son, as time passed he sensed he was losing the opportunity. **Third**, he was prideful. Abraham wanted it done according to his own schedule and assumed that his way should be good enough. **Finally**, he was selfish. By acting without the Lord’s leading, Abraham showed that he expected God’s will to revolve around him. In reality, he was stepping out of the Father’s plan.

When we choose to manipulate circumstances or timing, these same things are revealed about us. Instead, we should wait for God’s purpose and path, which flow from His love and wisdom. He is certain of what is best for our lives; our role is to seek His guidance and depend on Him.

Sometimes we know what the Lord is going to do but are unclear about when He will act. Other times, we’re unsure of the outcome. Regardless, we can be confident that God is loving and all-powerful. The more we understand who He is, the better we will be able to trust Him. And when we are trusting Him, we’ll be able to wait for His perfect timing.

The Lord makes a promise, faith believes it, hope anticipates it, and patience waits for it. Do you trust God enough to be patient for His way and His time?