



Waiting on the Lord! – Why Am I Waiting?
Patience is the weapon that forces deception to reveal itself!

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Waiting Can:

- Bring pressure
- Be painful
- Exhaust patience

Why am I waiting?

- **To teach you to give**

John 11:12-14 (New Living Translation)

¹² The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" ¹³ They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. ¹⁴ So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

- **To help your belief!**

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- **To give God the glory**

John 11:4 (New Living Translation)

⁴ But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."

John 11:40 (New Living Translation)

⁴⁰ Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?"



- **To show that what man views as a failure, God views as an opportunity.**

John 11:36-37 (New Living Translation)

36 The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" 37 But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

John 11:4 (New Living Translation)

4 But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."

- **To teach you to pray**

John 11:41-43 (New Living Translation)

⁴¹ So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴² You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." ⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

Romans 5:3-5 (New Living Translation)

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

James 1:3-4 (Amplified Bible)

3 Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. 4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

James 1:3-4 (The Message)

²⁻⁴ Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.