

The Deborah Report

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faint. ~Isaiah
40:31

From
Waiting...



...To
Waiting
On God

Simply waiting can be an actual drain on us, actually adding to the strain that results in weariness or fatigue. Waiting upon the LORD is an actual interactive partnering with Him as He accomplishes what is necessary in your heart. What does that look like?

What does it mean to wait upon the LORD? It means to wait while the LORD your God is accomplishing something deep in your heart. When that thing is accomplished, the promise in the rest of the verse will manifest in your life. You shall mount up with wings as eagles—you shall be lifted to a new perspective, a new viewpoint. That bird's eye view will change how you see the circumstances, because you will see them from above and not beneath. You won't any longer be 'under it' so to speak. Have you ever watched an eagle soar? I have. It is thrilling, exciting and inspiring. It is the picture of freedom!

Once you have had this inner work done which is the result of your wait upon the LORD, you will be able to run without weariness. Your renewed strength will facilitate a going forward without weariness. Weariness is extreme tiredness or fatigue. The LORD knows what it is to be overcome by fatigue, and He knows how to banish it from your spiritual life.

We get tired from physical exertion. However, we become fatigued by prolonged periods of mental exertion or repeated variations of stress. During this season of the pandemic, political upheaval, governmental overreach and cultural struggle, many of us have experienced a mental and/or emotional stress and sometimes even a spiritual stress. In the wake of this came a fatigue that leaves us seemingly unable to summon the usual vitality and enthusiasm for the things that formerly brought us joy and happiness. **Thankfully, there is an antidote for this: waiting upon the LORD.** As the promise says, our weariness will be broken and we shall walk and not faint, meaning our *purpose and our motivation* for the normal will spur us on.

However, many have been 'waiting' for everything to return to normal for months and months and don't feel the slightest bit renewed or like soaring like an eagle! Why? I believe it's because **we need to be taught how to move from waiting to 'waiting upon the LORD.'**

Recently He spoke to me to teach me this. He said that He needs to bring about a humility that opens the door. The door to what? Whatever door you are waiting to see open in order to bring about the change you are waiting for. He was quick to add that this is not humility as we traditionally think of it (the lack of pride), but rather a working in the heart that changes our perspective. We need to move from the kind of impatience that has us pacing back and forth (a bit like some of the nervous animals at the zoo), to a willingness to acknowledge that the LORD's timing is best, and therefore what we want. In other words, as we go through our "waiting period," we need move off of the place of trying to persuade God to move and onto the better place of recognizing that indeed He will move in His time. **When we can rest while waiting for His perfect time, we have come to the place of humility that is His finished work in us.** While we are still in "pacing mode," we keep trying to find the key that will move God's hand to MOVE. Should we pray more; should we fast; should we declare powerfully; should we be more thankful in our worship, etc., etc. While we are pacing and trying to move God's hand, we are still thinking that the power to move His hand is in what WE can or should do or say or pray. Do you see that is not humility? The humility that the LORD is wanting in this area is a realization, deep in our inner person, that only God can *make it happen!*

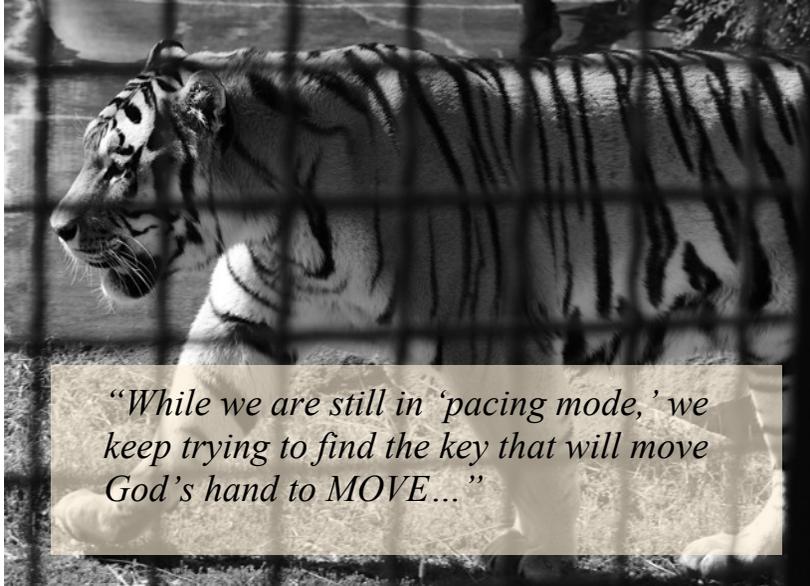
Another aspect of this kind of humility is when we recognize that sometimes this kind of waiting entails putting us and our lives and our plans 'on hold.' In other words, our time frames and the plans that depend upon them must defer to the LORD's time frames. However, when what we are waiting to see happen is the key to being able to move forward with our family plans, our personal aspirations and goals, the last thing we want is to be put on hold. In fact, during this season of the global pandemic and cultural strangeness everywhere, it feels like we have been on hold for months! However, waiting upon the LORD is very different from waiting on the government, the CDC, the school board's decisions, etc. When we wait upon the LORD, we are actively inviting

Him to work in our hearts to bring about the perspective He knows will serve us best. In other words, *we submit ourselves to wait for Him to bring a change in our hearts instead of a change in our circumstances.* That is humility in that it acknowledges His priorities instead of trying to push our priorities.

When the LORD was teaching me this, He reminded me of the story that is recorded in the Old Testament book of 2Kings, chapter 5. A Syrian official named Naaman had leprosy. His wife had a young Israelite

slave who suggested that Naaman go to the prophet in her homeland to be healed of his leprosy. Naaman and some of his men traveled to see the prophet Elisha in the hope and expectation of healing for Naaman. However, when they arrived at the dwelling of Elisha, the prophet's servant came out with a message for Naaman that he should go and dip himself seven times in the Jordan River, after which the leprosy would be gone. The Bible says that Naaman was furious that he was only received by a servant and was instructed to do such a lowly thing. About to rush off in his fury, he was counseled by one of his men that if the prophet had required a hard thing of him—would he not do it? Of course, he would! Why not then do this simply thing? (A hard thing would not have required humility; it was the easy thing that seemed to belittle his

station and his need). The point of the LORD reminding me of this example was to say, in our 'pacing mode' we are willing to do whatever hard thing the LORD would require. However, **we find it hard to do the simple thing of obediently and humbly waiting upon the LORD's timing.** Waiting is hard when we are in 'pacing mode.' When we are in resting mode, it is not hard.



The last point that the LORD made that day was to ask if I would be able to rejoice when the LORD moved, even if it didn't

look anything like what I expected it to look like? The last aspect to this kind of humility that prepares us to soar like eagles is to be just as excited over how the LORD moved, whether or not He chose to follow the blueprint of our expectations! In other words, do you want what you want...or can you rejoice if the LORD accomplishes what is necessary in a completely different way than what you have been WAITING for? The humility that the Holy Spirit works in us while we wait upon the LORD doesn't have to wave our own blueprints in triumph. Rather it causes us to rejoice in the LORD's doing, because He does all things well!†

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The manuscript will go to the publisher this month. Please pray for Godspeed for all the details and deadlines and that the book will be a powerful tool of ministry to all those whose lives have been upended by any type of trouble, adversity or even a global pandemic!



Deborah Ministries International ministers in response to Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

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