

WAITING ON GOD

Good morning, Boys! I am Madam Lee. I must admit I am not very patient; I don't really like to wait. That's why I don't like to drive up to Malaysia especially during a long weekend when both the Woodlands and Tuas checkpoints will be so packed. I don't like the idea of being stuck in traffic for 2 or 3 or worse, even longer hours. I also cannot handle long-haul flights. I will fidget a lot; I will be so bored. If I see there's already a very long queue in front of a famous hawker stall, I'm the type who will say, "No, thank you. I am happy to eat something else." What about you? Do you find yourself in a state of waiting these few days? Can't wait for PSLE to be over?

We live in a fast-paced culture that makes waiting difficult, sometimes unbearable. But what if God wants us to wait? And he has his reasons.

1. **While waiting on God, we find our strength renewed.** This is God's promise given in Isaiah 40:31 – Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
2. **Waiting on God allows us to bring our worries and anxieties to him and learn to trust in his sovereignty. In return, we receive his peace.** Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
3. **Waiting develops godly character.** When God says wait, it does not mean we sit around passively and do nothing. God may be giving you another chance to go work on that Math problem you think you can never understand or solve, or go through again the good phrases and spelling lists that can help you with your English and Mother Tongue compositions. He wants you to persevere and not give up.

Don't get me wrong, I still won't intentionally drive up to Malaysia or join a long queue just so that I can wait on the Lord. But if I do find myself having to wait, just as you are right now, I know I can, while I wait, say a prayer or sing a song of praise to remember God's goodness. You can do the same!

*♪ All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God ♪*

Dear God, if my friends are tired, please renew their strength. If my friends are anxious, please grant them your peace. If my friends at any point doubt their own abilities, please remind them they are dearly loved by you always, and your Spirit is there to help them. Keep my friends faithful, help them to start well and finish well to honour you. In Jesus' name, Amen!