Finding Peace When You're Waiting

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Questions: What is one of the hardest, one of the worst, one of the most painful things you've ever had to do? What has been the most difficult "waiting" time you've experienced?

While we're waiting, God is still working.

Read Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14

Question: What is the significance with these verses in reference to Jesus coming?

Read Galatians 4:4-5

Jesus' coming happened at the perfect time in history.

5 ways God was working:

- 1. Common language as a result of Alexander the Great
- 2. The Old Testament was translated into Greek
- 3. The Socratic Method was introduced
- 4. Roman rule led to easier travel
- 5. Dispersion of Jews around the Roman Empire

Question: How do these 5 points point to God's "perfect time" in Jesus' coming?

Read Matthew 1:20-23

Sometimes we're waiting because ...

• God wants to do something in us

Read Romans 15:13

Question: How do you "waste the waiting"?

God's not only working ahead of you, but he wants to do a work in you.

• God has something better for us

Read Romans 8:28

Question: How do you try to fix the waiting?

God actually knows what's best for us.

• God is waiting for us

Read 2 Peter 3:9

Question: What's standing in the way of you turning to God at this moment?

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Questions: What are you waiting for? How are you waiting?

