

A 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL

While I Wait

Meeting God in the Waiting Season

Thirty days of scripture and reflection for anyone
waiting on a promise that hasn't arrived yet — a
vindication, a calling, an answer.

Companion to the book While I Wait

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Before You Begin

Waiting is one of the hardest things God ever asks of us. It has no visible end, no guaranteed outcome, and no shortcut. If you are standing in your own wilderness — waiting on a promise, an answer, a vindication that has not come — this devotional is for you.

These thirty days trace the honest arc of a long wait: the nearness of God before the storm, the grief of loss and injustice, the wrestling with doubt and bitterness, the surprise of finding Him faithful in the dark, and at last the courage to step forward before the water moves. It doesn't offer a formula. It offers a companion for the road.

May you discover, as I did, that the wait itself can become the place you meet God.

How to use it: Read one day at a time, in order or wherever you need to land. Sit with the verse first, then the reflection, then carry the prayer with you. There is space at the end of each day to answer honestly — God can hold whatever you bring.

DAY 1 He Came Before the Storm

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

ISAIAH 65:24

God is not reacting to your crisis; He was already moving toward you before it began. His presence often kneels beside us long before we understand why. The nearness you long for has already come looking for you.

Pray: Lord, help me trust that You saw this coming, and that You are already here.

DAY 2 You Are Not Waiting Alone

“And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

The loneliest part of waiting is the fear that you are doing it by yourself. You are not. The One who goes before you also walks beside you, and He does not tire of the journey. Fear loses its grip when we remember whose company we keep.

Pray: Father, when the wait feels lonely, remind me that You have not left.

DAY 3 Be Still

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

PSALM 46:10

Stillness feels like doing nothing, but it is the hardest work of the waiting soul. To be still is to stop striving and let God be God in the space you cannot control. In the quiet, His voice grows clearer than the noise of your worry.

Pray: Quiet my racing heart, Lord, until I remember that You are God and I am not.

DAY 4 Strength for the Weary

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary.”

ISAIAH 40:31

Waiting drains you in ways others rarely see. But scripture ties renewed strength directly to the waiting — not to the ending of it. The strength you need is not on the other side of the wait; it is offered inside it.

Pray: Renew me, Lord. Trade my exhaustion for Your endurance today.

DAY 5 His Song in the Night

“Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.”

PSALM 42:8

Some seasons of waiting are lived mostly at night — in sleepless hours and unspoken fears. God does not abandon the dark to you. He meets you there with a song, turning long nights into holy ground.

Pray: In my darkest hours, let me hear Your song over me.

DAY 6 A Lamp for One Step

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

PSALM 119:105

A lamp does not light the whole road; it lights the next step. When you cannot see how the waiting ends, God still gives enough light for today. Faith is walking one illuminated step at a time.

Pray: Give me light for today, Lord, and courage not to demand the whole map.

DAY 7 Through the Valley

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.”

PSALM 23:4

Notice the word *through*. The valley is not your destination, only your passage. And you do not pass through it alone — His presence turns even the shadowed places into a walk with a Companion who will not leave.

Pray: Walk with me through this valley until I reach the other side.

— PART TWO · THE LOSS —

DAY 8 When a Dream Is Stolen

“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good... to save much people alive.”

GENESIS 50:20

Joseph waited years while another's betrayal defined his story. What was stolen from you may be real, and the loss may be deep. Yet God is able to weave even injustice into a purpose larger than the one that was taken.

Pray: Redeem what was taken from me, Lord, in ways I cannot yet see.

DAY 9

The Wound of Betrayal

“For it was not an enemy that reproached me... But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.”

PSALM 55:12-13

Betrayal from someone you trusted wounds deeper than opposition from a stranger. David knew this ache and brought it straight to God. You are allowed to name what happened honestly — God is not afraid of your grief.

Pray: You know exactly how this hurt. I bring the wound to You, unhidden.

DAY 10

Cast Your Burden

“Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”

PSALM 55:22

You were never meant to carry the full weight of this alone. Casting your burden is not denial; it is a deliberate handing-over of what is too heavy for you. He can hold what would crush you.

Pray: Here, Lord — I set down what I’ve been carrying. Sustain me.

DAY 11

He Keeps Your Tears

“Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?”

PSALM 56:8

Not one of your tears has gone unnoticed. God collects them, records them, treasures them. Your sorrow is not wasted or forgotten — it is held by the One who counts every one.

Pray: Thank You that my tears matter to You, even the ones no one else saw.

DAY 12

Near to the Brokenhearted

“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”

PSALM 34:18

A broken heart does not push God away — it draws Him near. He does not wait for you to be whole before He comes close. Your brokenness is the very place He chooses to draw nearest.

Pray: Come near to my broken places, Lord. I need You close.

DAY 13

Joy Comes in the Morning

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

PSALM 30:5

The night of weeping is real, and it may feel endless. But scripture insists that morning has an appointment with you. Grief is a season, not a sentence — and joy is on its way.

Pray: When the night feels long, help me trust that morning is coming.

DAY 14 Vengeance Is His

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves... Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”

ROMANS 12:19

Releasing the right to get even is not weakness; it is trust. When you hand justice to God, you free your own hands from a weight they were never strong enough to hold. He will settle what you cannot.

Pray: I release the debt I’m owed into Your hands. You are the just Judge.

— PART THREE · THE WRESTLING —

DAY 15 The Root of Bitterness

“Looking diligently... lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

HEBREWS 12:15

Bitterness rarely announces itself; it grows quietly underground while we tend other things. Waiting on unresolved injustice is fertile soil for it. Guarding your heart is not denial of the wound — it is refusing to let the wound become who you are.

Pray: Search my heart, Lord, and pull up any bitterness before it takes root.

DAY 16 Honest Enough to Ask

“How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?”

PSALM 13:1

Even the psalmist asked God, “How long?” Honest lament is not a failure of faith; it is faith speaking plainly. You can bring your questions to God without pretending you already have the answers.

Pray: I don’t understand the delay, Lord — but I bring my “how long” to You.

DAY 17 Forgiving What Wasn’t Fair

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

EPHESIANS 4:32

Forgiveness does not mean what happened was acceptable. It means you refuse to let it keep you chained to the one who caused it. You forgive not because they earned it, but because you were forgiven first.

Pray: Give me grace to forgive, Lord, the way You have forgiven me.

DAY 18 Trust Over Understanding

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

PROVERBS 3:5

Waiting tempts us to demand explanations before we'll trust. But God asks for trust precisely where understanding runs out. You can lean your whole weight on Him even when the reasons never come.

Pray: Where I cannot understand, help me trust You anyway.

DAY 19 Rest and Do Not Fret

“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way.”

PSALM 37:7

It stings to watch others receive what you are still waiting for. Fretting over their timing steals your peace and changes nothing. Rest is the quiet defiance of a soul that trusts God's clock more than its own.

Pray: I lay down my comparison and my hurry. I will rest in You.

DAY 20 Grace in Weakness

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

You do not have to be strong enough for this. God's power shows up most clearly in the places you feel weakest. Your insufficiency is not a disqualification — it is the doorway for His grace.

Pray: In my weakness, Lord, be my strength. Your grace is enough.

DAY 21 Peace That Guards

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer... And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Anxiety and prayer cannot occupy the same breath for long. When you trade worry for honest asking, God gives a peace that makes no logical sense — a peace that stands guard over your heart in the waiting.

Pray: I trade my anxiety for prayer. Guard my heart with Your peace.

— PART FOUR · HE SPEAKS IN THE DARK —

DAY 22 God Speaks in the Night

“For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night...”

JOB 33:14-15

God has not gone silent in your waiting; often we have simply stopped perceiving. He still speaks — in dreams, in whispers, in the quiet nudges of the night. Ask Him to open your eyes to how near He has been all along.

Pray: Open my eyes and ears, Lord, to the ways You are already speaking.

DAY 23 Treasures of Darkness

“And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places...”

ISAIAH 45:3

Some gifts can only be found in the dark. The intimacy, the dependence, the knowing of God that grows in a long night cannot be bought in the daylight. The waiting is hiding treasures you will one day count as worth it.

Pray: Help me find the hidden treasures You have placed in this dark season.

DAY 24 New Every Morning

“It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed... they are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23

However long the wait has been, His mercy has not run out. Each morning arrives with a fresh supply, enough for that day’s portion of the journey. You have not exhausted His faithfulness, and you never will.

Pray: Thank You for mercy that is new again this morning. Great is Your faithfulness.

DAY 25 Though It Tarry, Wait

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time... though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

HABAKKUK 2:3

The promise has an appointed time, even when it feels impossibly delayed. What looks like tarrying to you is right on schedule to God. Wait for it — not passively, but expectantly, because it will surely come.

Pray: I trust Your timing, Lord, even when the promise seems to tarry.

DAY 26 He Will Finish It

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

God does not abandon unfinished work. What He began in you He fully intends to complete, and your waiting is part of that finishing. The story is not over, because the Author is not done.

Pray: Finish what You started in me, Lord. I trust You to complete it.

DAY 27 All Things Together

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

ROMANS 8:28

Not every thing is good — but God can work all of it together for good. The betrayal, the delay, the tears: none of it is wasted in His hands. He is weaving a purpose you cannot yet see from where you stand.

Pray: Work even this together for good, Lord. I trust Your purpose.

DAY 28 Hope Does Not Shame

“Tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed.”

ROMANS 5:3–5

Nothing in your suffering has been pointless. Trial by trial, it has been building patience, then character, then a hope that will not put you to shame. The waiting is not just costing you — it is forming you.

Pray: Let this season build in me a hope that will not disappoint.

— PART FIVE · AT THE EDGE OF THE JORDAN —

DAY 29 Step Into the Water

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

JOSHUA 1:9

At the Jordan, the waters did not part until the priests’ feet touched the river. Sometimes the promise waits for your first step of courage. Standing at the edge, you are invited to move before the water moves — because He goes with you.

Pray: Give me courage to step forward, Lord, trusting You are with me.

DAY 30 In Due Season You Will Reap

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

GALATIANS 6:9

You have waited long, and you have not fainted. There is a due season coming — a harvest for the faithfulness that held on when it would have been easier to let go. Keep going. What you have sown in the waiting, you will yet reap.

Pray: Keep me faithful to the end, Lord. I trust the harvest to You.

— KEEP WALKING —

The Wait Is Not the End of the Story

Wherever these thirty days have found you, know this: you are not waiting alone, and the God who met you here goes with you into whatever comes next.

If this devotional gave you words for your own season, the fuller story that inspired it may too.

THE BOOK

While I Wait

One Woman's Divine Encounters

A true account of eighteen years of waiting — a stolen dream, a long injustice, and a God who never stopped speaking through dreams, visions, and an unmistakable presence in the dark. For anyone standing in their own wilderness, it is proof you are not waiting alone.

Eighteen years. One promise. A God who never stopped speaking.