

Enduring the Waiting Rooms of Life

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“...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

Romans 5:3 (NIV)

Biblical Truths We Can Learn from Romans 5:3 about Waiting:

- a. What God does IN us while we wait is “as important as” what it is we’re waiting for.

⇒ There is a purpose in the PROCESS.

- b. Biblical waiting is ACTIVE waiting.

THREE Foundational Requirements to Help Us during the Waiting Process:

1. Waiting on the Lord requires a patient heart of TRUST.

“Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.”

Psalms 27:14 (NLT)

2. Waiting on the Lord requires us to have HUMILITY.

“...humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.”

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)

3. Waiting on the Lord requires a confident HOPE.

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13 (NIV)