



The wise are **careful** with what God says is important, while the foolish are **careless**.

A wise person is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless. Proverbs 14:16

Wisdom we need while waiting on God:

- The wise **trust** God more than their understanding.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Faith trusts God's **character** when circumstances are confusing.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Hebrews 11:1

Action Step:

Obey what you know while waiting for what you don't know.

- The wise have a plan, but make **adjustments** to God's direction.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. Romans 8:28

Action Step:

Hold your plans **loosely**.

- The wise don't make **emotional** responses.

Don't ever say, "I'll get you for that!" Wait for God; he'll settle the score. Proverbs 20:22

Action Step:

Trust that God **has your back**.

- The wise continue to live for God's **purposes** while waiting.

We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God's purpose prevails. Proverbs 19:21 (MSG)

Action Step:

Trust His **purpose** more than your preference.

- The wise **prepare** while they're waiting.

Do your best, prepare for the worst— then trust God to bring victory. Proverbs 21:31

Matthew 25:1-13.

Action Step:

Continue to invest in a **growing faith**.

Encouragement we need for seasons of waiting:

- Don't allow delays to bring **discouragement**.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! Psalm 31:24

- Anticipate **God's activity**.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning....Psalm 130:5-6

- Have **faith** in God's faithfulness.

..his *compassion never ends*. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day. Lamentations 3:22-23

As for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me. Micah 7:7



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- What is one area of your life where God has you waiting right now?
- Why do you think waiting on God can be so difficult?
- What is the difference between trusting God and leaning on your own understanding? (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Have you ever looked back and realized God's delay was actually His protection? Share an example.
- When you're hurt or disappointed, are you more likely to react emotionally or trust God to handle it? Why?
- What plans or preferences are hardest for you to surrender to God's direction?
- How can waiting become an opportunity for spiritual growth instead of frustration?
- In Matthew 25:1-13, what stands out to you about the difference between the wise and foolish bridesmaids?
- What are some practical ways we can continue preparing while we wait on God?
- Which encouragement speaks to you most right now: don't be discouraged, anticipate God's activity, or trust God's faithfulness? Why?

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