

## Waiting on God in the Waiting Room

*Acts 16:22-39*

The enemy's job is to distract you.

Don't run from the wait while in the waiting room. You will learn some critical things in the waiting room.

The waiting room is a place where those who are sick are about to get healed. In the waiting room God is preparing to make you well. Let's change our perspective of the waiting room from a place of negativity to one of a positive perspective.

What seems to be a pointless or a painful waiting room may be God's most productive "work" room.

God allows you to be in that waiting room so He can strengthen you. God will turn your "wait" into opportunity.

It's in the waiting room where God is about to do a mighty work in you.

It's like going to the gym.

The more weight you lift the stronger you get. That's how you can rejoice in the midst of adversity because it makes you stronger.

Resist the urge to complain and fill your situation with praise!

God doesn't take the storm from you but provides you with the strength you need to get through the storm.

Let your pain trigger your praise  
so it can position you to work for God!!

Don't get caught with where you are but get excited about what is to come.

Going through a test only activates the favor of God.

Preoccupy yourself with trying to fulfill God's purpose for you rather than complaining or escaping the problem.

Here is an Analogy of the teacup and saucer and how blessings overflow!!!

A long time ago it was customary to use a saucer when serving tea because the server would pour the tea until it overflowed to let you know that there is plenty of tea for you thus the need for the saucer. That's how God is... We need a saucer to catch all of the blessings God wants to bestow upon us because He has blessings which will overflow.

In Acts, Paul and Silas were in jail. When an earthquake caused all the jail doors to open and the shackles to open. Paul and Silas did not try to escape. They kept their mind on their purpose!!!! Their action or inaction (not leaving) impacted others around them. They didn't run. They focused on fulfilling God's purpose. Remember, the jailer and the prisoners were watching what Paul and Silas did. Philippians 2:14-15. We are the light for others.

Remember: Our detours are God's destination.

The chaos is God's destination for us to learn something.

Stop waiting on what God is going to do. He wants to use you right where you are.

Detours are for strength.

Always encourage others to praise Him.

God is trying to strengthen you during the wait.

How do we wait?

Praise Him.

Trust Him.

God will be faithful to you.

Remember you have been saved to serve.