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## **When Waiting Works**

As 2019 comes to an end, are you celebrating or are you **WAITING**?

What is it you're waiting for?

Where do you feel like you're stuck?

Do you feel forgotten?

**Isaiah 40:27-31 (Message)** *Why would you ever complain, O Jacob, or, whine, Israel, saying, "God has lost track of me. He doesn't care what happens to me"? Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening? God doesn't come and go. God lasts. He's creator of all you can see or imagine. He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath. And he knows everything, inside and out.*

*He energizes those who get tired, gives fresh strength to dropouts. For even young people **tire** and **drop out**, young folk in their prime stumble and fall. But those who **WAIT** upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.*

- When you're waiting, or stuck, or feel forgotten, the writer wants to remind you of who God is.
  - God is in charge, and He is never too busy or too tired to care.
  - God's understanding is limitless.

- After we are reminded of who God is, the writer wants to remind us of how we are meant to **EXPERIENCE** God.
- We are all going to be impacted by the pressures of life, and when they cause us to fail, or fall short, or give up, God is ready to provide **ENERGY AND STRENGTH** as we wait.

### **Wait, what?**

- It's when you're waiting that God can do some of His best work in your life.

**Isaiah 64:4 (Message)** *Since before time began no one has ever imagined, no ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who **WAIT** for him.*

- Waiting with God is not a **PASSIVE** experience. Don't check out, give up, or give in.

### **When you find yourself waiting...(Mathew 11:28)**

- Do what you can, and then rest while God works.
  - To rest is to learn to trust God in the waiting. It leads us from knowledge to experience.
  - To rest is to stop and watch.
    - You have to schedule it in.
    - You have to protect it.