

Entire World Has Been Put in Holding Pattern

COVID-19

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**World Locked Down by COVID-19...
...so we had to Wait**

**We just started to see a Little Break...
...Civil Unrest... so we Wait Again**

**Before the Unrest Sees Any Breaks...
...Election Season Starts...**

...Nation Divided

Again...Wait Wait Wait



Edward Church

August 28, 2020

"Thank You For Holding"

**Reasons to Thank God...
...For the Wait pt1**

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Psalm 27:14

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You Pray and Expect but All There is...

...WAIT!

God Definitely ...

...Understands

...Has a Plan

Waiting...



Waiting...

WHO Likes to Wait?

- **Fallen Humans Do Not Like to Wait**
- **We Want Instant Gratification**
- **We Want Life's Knottiest Problems Solved in a Half Hour**
- **Why is it So Hard for Sons of Adam to Wait?**

A close-up photograph of a gold coin. The word "WAITING" is embossed on the coin's surface in a serif font. A large, semi-transparent "X" is drawn over the coin, crossing through the word. The coin is set against a light, slightly blurred background.

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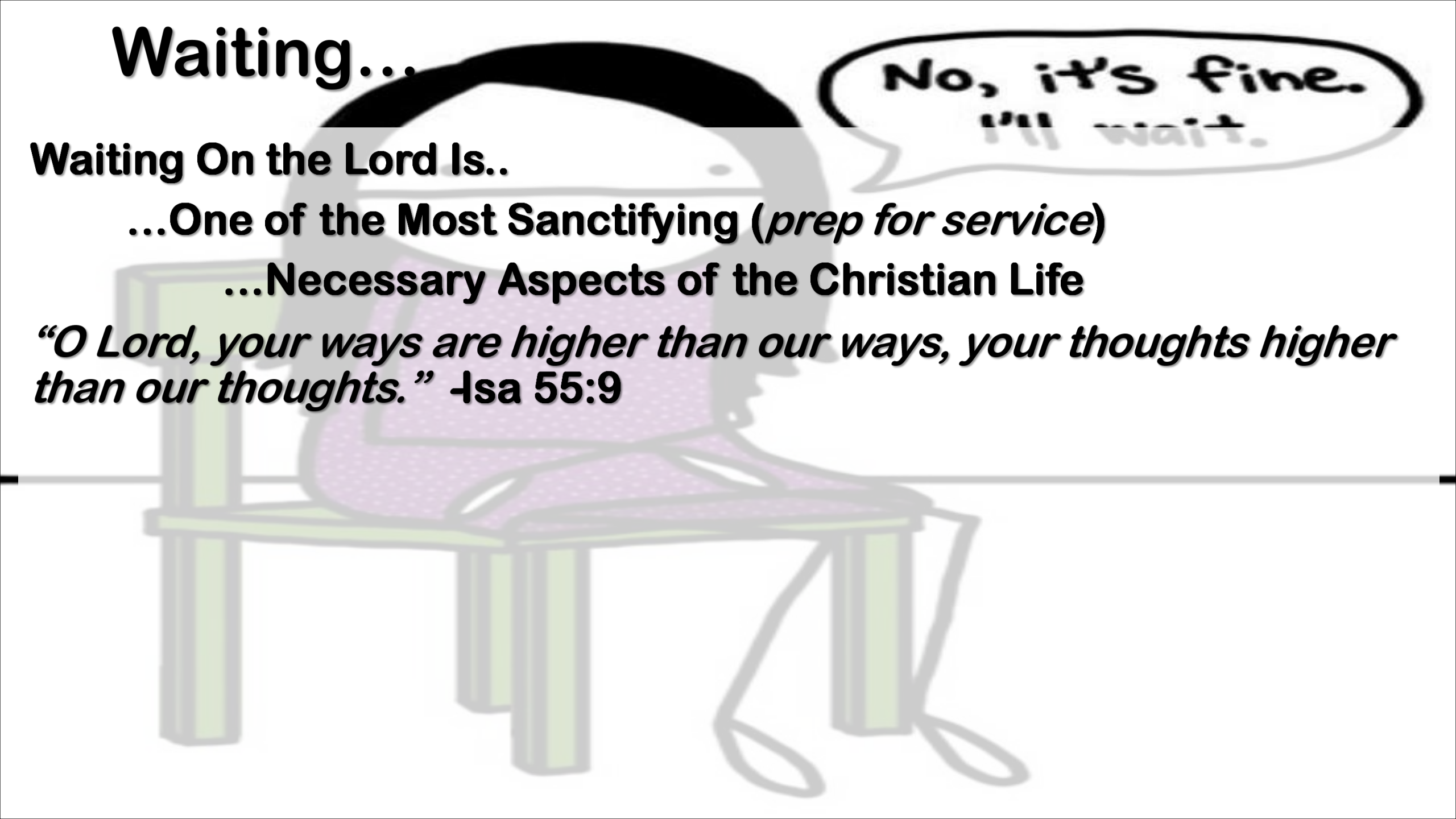
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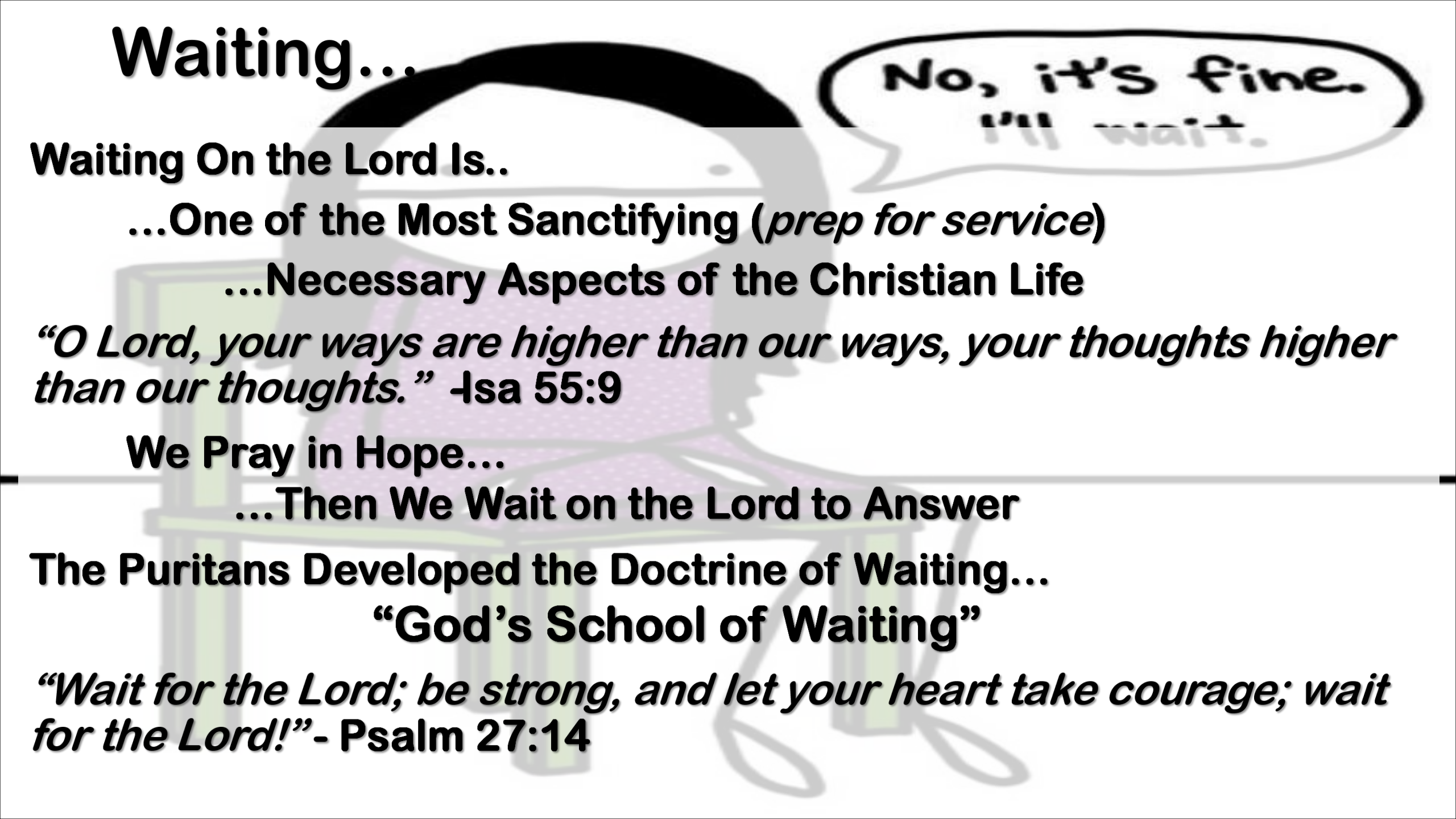
We Pray in Hope...

...Then We Wait on the Lord to Answer

The Puritans Developed the Doctrine of Waiting...

“God’s School of Waiting”

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“But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount with wings as eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isa 40:31

- **Wait= bind together, make strong**

- **Renew= sprout again**

- **Waiting On the Lord Does Many Good Things for Us!**



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Divine...

- **Connection –*He Desires It***
- **Communication –*He is Listening***
- **Consolation –*He will Respond***

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