

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

## Willing to Wait

**Tell me what you think that you know for sure.** I know that you love me and I love you. **We have had this relationship for a long time.** Once I was very far away from you and you rescued me from a life without you. You called me out of darkness to a new life of following you. Over the years I have never stopped following you. At many times and in many places I have stepped off the path a little bit and wandered where I shouldn't. These wanderings often caused me pain and deep regret. Somehow you were able to train me. Now, you have placed this incredible desire in me for more. I want more of you. I want to clearly hear your voice of direction and joyfully follow without question. I want to be powerfully used by you so that I can bear abundant fruit for your kingdom. Right now, it seems like I am in a time of preparation as I draw near to you. I am watching and waiting. How do you want to use me? Where do you want to use me? Just point me in the right direction. Give me an assignment and I will engage fully in whatever you ask me to do.

**What if I am asking you to wait? Can you do that?** Yes, I suppose I can. **But you don't like it, do you?** No not at all. **Why is that?** Sometimes it's hard to know if I'm in a period of trust filled waiting or if I have been set aside. In these moments of doubt, I feel invisible, unusable, and rejected. **Where do you think those thoughts come from?** Not from you, that's for sure. **That's right, they certainly don't.**

**What has happened to you in these times of trust filled waiting and preparation?** You have caused me to rely on you more whole-heartedly. Through them, my faith and trust has grown. You have made me stronger as I have depended on you. My desire for you has been set on fire. You have been overflowing my life with your goodness. Never before have I felt like I have so much to say about how good it is to love and follow you. At times, I have felt like I am going to explode with your love. I feel so full.

**What's the problem then?** I guess I'm more than a little impatient. **That's not really a guess, is it?** No, it's not. **Do you trust that I have a purpose and plan for your life?** Yes, I do. **Do you think there is any chance that I will let my purpose and plan for you to go unfulfilled?** No, I don't. **Do you believe that I am in control and that my time is just right?** Yes, I do. **Since you believe these things, what are you willing to do?** I am willing to wait. **Good, that's exactly what I want you to do. Wait with me and for me. I am preparing you for my use. I will fulfill these desires of your heart in my way and in my timing. Which will be just right, of that you can be absolutely sure.**

*Father, forgive my impatience and doubt. I do trust you. I will wait for your purposes and plans to unfold in my life. Use all my life experiences, both good and bad, for your kingdom and glory according to your purposes and plans. Amen*



**Called According To His Purpose** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Identity** – Romans 8:28

**In Context:** *Read Romans 8*

**Begin With Prayer:** *Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.*

**Meditating On God's Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When have the difficulties of life caused you pain and suffering?

When has something bad happened that you thought God could never use?

**When have you been amazed that God could use even a terrible thing for good?**

How have you relied on God through great pain and difficulties in life?

What has God done in and through in the great pain and difficulties of life?

**How has God been able to use all your life experiences, both good and bad, for His purposes and plans?**

**What are you thankful for that God has been able to redeem and use in your life?**

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**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Trust that the Lord is in control and allow Him to work all things together for good in your life according to his plans.

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**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that God is in control and that He can and will work all things for good according to His purposes and plans.

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**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group what God has used for good in your life for his purposes and plans.

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**Close With Prayer:** *Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

