

## What to do when... **GOD SAYS, "NOT YET"**

Isaiah 40:27–31

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📖 Isaiah 43:18–19 (NIV) “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

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1. God is never **distracted**.
2. God is never **surprised**.
3. God is never **fatigued**.
4. God is never **puzzled**.

📖 Joshua 21:45 (NIV) “Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.”

📖 Hebrews 10:23 (NIV) “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”

### Waiting well requires that we **rest in the one we are relying on.**

📖 Isaiah 40:29 (ESV) “He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.”

📖 Isaiah 40:30 (Msg) “For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall.”

📖 Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT) “...Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.’”

### Waiting well requires we **wait expectantly not complacently.**

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📖 Psalm 130:5 (NIV) “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I put my hope.”

**Digging Deeper:** What are you waiting for? What have you learned from having to wait in life? Waiting time does not have to be wasted time—what is God doing in your life while you wait? What do you expect God to do? Do you trust God to care for you? Do you think it is possible to worship and worry at the same time? Can you think of times in your life when you heard God answer: “Yes” ... “No” ... and “Not Yet” to your prayer requests?