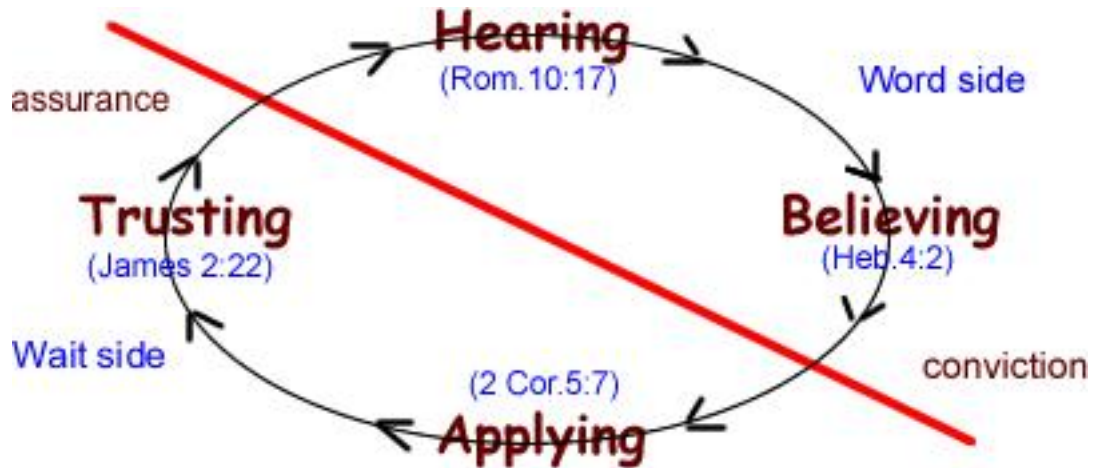


WAITING FAITH

Request: “Could you do a study of the last phase of the faith cycle? I understood you to call it “waiting faith.”

I did mention “waiting faith” as important to the period between the Applying Phase and Completing Phase of the faith cycle.



This lesson will study 5 aspects of Waiting Faith as part of the Faith Cycle.

1. **Waiting faith is as necessary as Walking faith (2 Cor.5:7) [Applying]. Col. Tieme coined it the Faith Rest Technique (Heb.3:18-19; 4:10-12).**

(Heb.3:1) “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.”

“**Appointed time for every event**” is a principle of perfect timing in the plan of God.

The **Plan of God** is so designed to include all events and actions related to their causes and conditions as related to the directive will of God (**To Jonah:** Go to Nineveh) and (**To Centurion:** I will go and heal your servant. (Matt.8:5-10).

(Heb.3:11) ‘He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning to the end.’

2. **Waiting faith is that lapse of time between the revelation of the directive will of God and the performance of it (Rom.4:16).**

(Rom.4:20-21) “Yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and **being fully assured** that what He had promised, he was able to perform.” [Abraham and seed].

Sometimes God waits upon the believer to reach spiritual growth maturity capacity in order to complete the promise (2 Pet.3:18; Isa.30:18; Lam 3:25-26; Ps.27:7; 2 Pet.3:18).

(Isa.30:18) “Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore **He waits on high** to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.”

3. **Waiting faith is vital during this lapse of time of perfect timing in the plan of God.**

(Ps.130:5-6) “I wait for the Lord, **my soul does wait**, and **in His word do I hope**. My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than then the watchmen for the morning.”

Sometimes the lapse of time is for a larger cast of people to be challenged with the directive will of God (Moses, Aaron, Miriam, and Israelites) (Ex.32:1-2, 8).

Lapse of time challenges the believer’s confidence and assurance in the directive will of God. Often the believer struggles between believing God can and believing God will.

Moses struggled with the challenge when called to deliver Israel from Egypt (Ex.3:10-15; 4:1-14) [directive will of God] (Rom.4:21).

Waiting faith is the believer’s ability to concentrate upon the directive will of God under all types of stresses and adversities of life (Matt.9:20-22) [2 for 1]

4. **When the believer loses confidence due to the lapse of time, he often becomes impatience and discouraged and doubting himself and even his faith.**

This is when the believer needs the shield of faith (Eph.6:16; Ps.115:11).

Many a mature believer has made bad choices during this crucial lapse of **perfect timing** in the plan of God (James 1:6-8).

This is usually because he has failed in the crucial phase of the faith cycle called waiting faith. Abraham did this three times (Lot, Ishmael, and Eliezer).

5. **Misplaced expectation of OMCD often causes the believer to look for other option to waiting faith.**

Worldly solution to a spiritual problem will never further the plan of God (Mark 6:30-41) [feeding of 5,000].

When this occurs, the believer must engage in “**renewing his mind**” from OMCD to NMDV thinking (Rom.12:2; Eph.4:22-24; Rom.15:13).

After mentioning the faith of Abel and Enoch, the writer of Hebrews stopped and added:

(Heb.11:6) “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder** of those who ask Him.”

Waiting faith must focus upon the essence of God as well as His directive will (1 Cor. 10:13).

(1 Cor.1:9) “God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Ps.27:14) “Wait for the Lord; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.”