Week Eight

Waiting Time

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Read This Week’s Passage:
Daniel 10

DELAY

We live in a world of instant gratification and quick fixes. Our devices give us access to instant answers right at our fingertips. We hate waiting for anything. If our computers are keeping us waiting, we simply upgrade to newer, faster ones. Waiting is considered a waste of time in the twenty-first century.

In the tenth chapter, Daniel urgently prays and waits for three weeks before his prayers are answered. Thereafter, the angel comes and explains the reason for the delayed response. Often, when we wait for God to respond, we do not have the luxury of an explanation for the delay. Yet waiting on God is a critical piece of the Christian development puzzle.
Write out Daniel 10 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Daniel 10:10–14. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Daniel 10. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

When have you ever felt that your life was on hold?

When have there been times that you felt that God was not answering your prayers?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How does your view of unanswered prayers change, in light of the great controversy?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Psalm 27:14
Psalm 40:1
James 1:4
Isaiah 40:31
Psalm 106:13
Exodus 14:13, 14

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 10?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 10.
Where do you see Jesus in Daniel 10?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what are personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

How do you feel during times of waiting?

Looking back, how did you grow in those times of waiting?

How does our culture feel about waiting?

What is an impatient person?

How would you describe a patient person?

How is patience developed?

What is the difference between God’s viewpoint of waiting and culture’s view of waiting?

What is the relationship between patience and happiness?

How does God give a person more patience?