

## **“While I’m Waiting” by John Waller**

John Waller waited 17 years to break through into Christian music ... a friend suggested he write a song about that: 10 minutes later he finished “while I’m waiting.”

This song is confessional. It tells us how it feels to wait on the Lord. It tells us what waiting on Him produces. It tells us what to do while we wait.

### **Romans 8:18-25 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

<sup>19</sup> For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

<sup>20</sup> Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope,

<sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

<sup>23</sup> And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

<sup>24</sup> We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it.

<sup>25</sup> But if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

### **A. Waiting can produce hope, pain, and patience.**

I'm waiting

I'm waiting on You, Lord

And I am hopeful

I'm waiting on You, Lord

Though it is painful

But patiently, I will wait

*Hope:* v. 23, “...We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children ...”

*Pain:* v. 22, “... all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

*Patience:* v. 25, “... we must wait patiently and confidently.”

## **B. Waiting can produce peace, difficulty, and faith.**

I'm waiting  
I'm waiting on You, Lord  
And I am peaceful  
I'm waiting on You, Lord  
Though it's not easy  
But faithfully, I will wait  
Yes, I will wait

*Peace:* v. 21, "... the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay." (Freedom = peace)

*Difficulty:* v. 20, "... Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse."

*Faith:* v. 23, "... And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering."

## **C. Moving ahead requires daily obedience.**

I will move ahead, bold and confident  
Taking every step in obedience  
While I'm waiting  
I will serve You  
While I'm waiting  
I will worship  
While I'm waiting  
I will not faint  
I'll be running the race  
Even while I wait

Ecclesiastes 7:8, Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride.

## **D. Waiting requires serving while you worship God.**

I will serve You while I'm waiting  
I will worship while I'm waiting  
I will serve You while I'm waiting  
I will worship while I'm waiting  
I will serve you while I'm waiting

I will worship while I'm waiting on You, Lord

Psalm 123:1-2, I lift my eyes to you, O God, enthroned in heaven. <sup>2</sup> We keep looking to the LORD our God for his mercy, just as servants keep their eyes on their master, as a slave girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal.

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, we will wait upon You, knowing You care and will not forget us in our time of need. While we wait, grow us. Grow our faith, grow our hope. Ease our pain and difficulties, by Your grace. And Lord, we will worship and serve You, our only Hope and Savior. In Jesus' name, amen."