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## **“While You Wait...”**

**“But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)**

### **Work**

**Ruth 2:2-7** – (2) “And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, ‘Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.’ And she said to her, ‘Go, my daughter.’ (3) So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. (4) And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, ‘The LORD be with you!’ And they answered, ‘The LORD bless you.’ (5) Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, ‘Whose young woman is this?’ (6) And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, ‘She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. (7) She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

### **Watch**

**Habakkuk 2:1** – “I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.”

**Matthew 26:41** – “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

### **Worship**

**Luke 2:36-38** – (36) “And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, (37) and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. (38) And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

**Romans 12:1** – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

### **What not to do while we wait:**

#### **Worry**

**Philippians 4:6-7** – (6) “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

#### **Waste Time**

**Ephesians 5:15-16** – (15) “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

**2 Thessalonians 3:7** – “For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you,”

#### **Whine**

**Numbers 14:27** – “How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.”

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