

JANUARY 29

“IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, TIME IS NEVER WASTED.”

READ

Acts 9:1-18

The hardest thing about walking with Jesus is waiting on Him to give you the next step. We are not a patient people, so we have figured out all kinds of ways to try and make it happen ourselves. We don't want to wait on anything or anybody. But if you're going to serve Jesus, get used to the fact that waiting is about 80 percent of knowing Jesus. He'll let you stay in the darkness until you feel like you'll die, and then He'll give you further instruction. Serving God is waiting. Everybody else seems to have it together. But you feel totally incapable of doing anything anymore. It seems like nothing is working out. There you sit in darkness, blind and waiting. God wants you to understand that as you go to Him in prayer, that is just what He's called you to do — pray and wait. The scales will fall off your eyes and God will give you the next instruction. God has a plan. Prayer is hard. It feels like you're wasting time, but in the presence of God, time is never wasted because God is listening.

PRAY

Jesus, help me be patient while I'm waiting. Thank You that even though prayer may not change the situation, time in Your presence will always change me. I am so grateful for the intimacy I have in communion with You.

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