



WOMEN WHO PRIZE  
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## Trust While Waiting

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We all have things that we are standing in faith for— an area of life where we are believing for a breakthrough. Personally, God tends to tell me things in advance. I'm sure it's because He knows that I can get excited over just about any vision that has to do with Him, advancing His Kingdom, and loving on His people. If He weren't to tell me, I would be like a ball in a pinball machine bouncing from vision to vision— never able to fully invest. On the one hand it's incredible to have a clear word of what we are believing God for, but on the other hand, knowing also means having to get good at waiting.

Sometimes I want to say to God the same thing that my son says to me, **“but waiting is really, really hard.”** In the moments when I feel discouraged in the waiting, and I want to say those words, I quickly hear the Holy Spirit like my own response to my son, “I know waiting isn't easy, but the only way to get better at waiting is to wait.” I have a free will, and in those moments I want to stop the waiting train that I am on and wade out in the fields of frustration, disappointment, giving up, and defeat— I know I have a choice. I can choose to get off that train and wander in the land of in-between (in between deciding to believe and breakthrough), or I can choose to close my eyes to the lies that make me want to quit. **I can tuck myself into The Promiser.**

Just like a knife that has been used often, words can become dull. They don't have quite the piercing impact that they once had in our lives. I hear God saying this about Trust. **Many of our hearts have become tired, restless, broken, or even cynical as we wait for our breakthrough.** We have placed our faith on our shoulders or the shoulders of someone else believing that “If I do this or do that then breakthrough will come.” We say things like, “I have been doing everything I know to do for breakthrough, so why hasn't it happened?”

As I was praying for the Love, HIS event I heard this, “Breakthrough is waiting in letting go, but most of us try to unlock letting go with the wrong key. **We approach with the key called 'trying' when the key that unlocks that door of breakthrough is actually called 'trusting'.**” I say this often - “If you’re trying, then you’re not letting go.”

God kept asking me, “but how do we trust?” and then He answered His question with “by tucking into Me. By tucking into My Presence.” He promises that worry, fear, heartache, fatigue, and cynicism will fall off in “tucking yourself into His Presence.” I kept hearing, **“Walk past the worry, the fear, the heartache, the fatigue, the bitterness ... walk past them into My Presence. You may see or sense them, but you don’t have to sit with them.”**

Letting go can feel like stopping or quitting for some of us, but it’s not. **Letting go is an action.** It’s the act of trust, and trusting is walking into His Presence.

For years, letting go felt too much like quitting for me to want to try it. But almost ten years ago, in the midst of brokenness, God gently told me “I didn’t tell you this so that you could make it happen. I told you this to build your faith, to build your trust, and to bring Me glory”. Pressure broke off of me with those words. Of course, there are times that He still has to remind me as I wait on the next breakthrough. Those words remind me that choosing to tuck into Him, my Promiser, my Answer, my Source, my Resting Place is me acting. It’s taking my hands off of the promised word or the picture that I have of breakthrough, and getting as close as I can to Him.

I was always afraid that I would miss a pivotal step in the plan. **The truth is if my focus is on making sure my breakthrough happens, I am at a higher risk of missing His voice in crucial moments.** If I tuck in, however, then my ear is in the perfect range to hear His voice. There is nothing between us, and that makes me ready for even a whispered word from God.

In Dr. Suess’s book “*Oh The Places You Will Go*,” There is a part about waiting, it says:

*“The Waiting Place ...  
... for people just waiting.*

*Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No or waiting for their hair to grow. Everyone is just waiting. Waiting for the fish to bite or waiting for the wind to fly a kite or waiting around for Friday night or waiting, perhaps for their Uncle Jake or a pot to boil, or a Better Break or a string of pearls, or a pair of pants or a wig with curls, or Another Chance. Everyone is just waiting.”*

**Just waiting is waiting without purpose, but waiting while trusting is altogether different. It’s growing!** It is growing in love, growing in wisdom, growing in faith, and growing in patience. We have to learn that the in-between is getting us ready to be able to handle the blessing that’s to come. The in-between is what builds our character.

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)** *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

**Often waiting can feel like a trial; it can feel like a test of your endurance. It can feel like that because it is that.** The waiting is good for us. It sifts things out, shakes things down, and

brings us to the core of what matters. Will we give in to it being too hard, will we give up feeling like it's too far out of reach? Or will we tuck in trusting and knowing that something bigger and deeper is going on?

Dr. Suess goes on to say, *“No! That’s not for you! Somehow you’ll escape all that waiting and staying. You’ll find the bright places where Boom Bands are playing. With banner flip-flapping, once more you’ll ride high! Ready for anything under the sky. Ready because you’re that kind of a guy!”*

It’s time to escape stopping the train only to end up living in fields of waiting. It’s time to tuck in because we have places to go!

# conversation starters

1. What are you standing in faith for during this season?
2. Talk about a moment when you were trying to get your breakthrough to happen on your own.
3. Share a time when you let go of making something happen and began trusting God.
4. **Proverbs 16:9 NAS** *The mind of a man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps*

We only can be clear on our steps when we stop trying and begin trusting. Are you planning your way and also trying to direct your steps, or are you planning your way and allowing God to direct your steps? What about in the lives of others?

# his heart work

## ACT

Listen to “Reason Enough to Hope (spontaneous) - Amanda Cook & Hunter Thompson” on YouTube as you let the idea of trust being an action of tucking into Him sink deep.

# prayer needs

Write down the prayer requests of your group members, and pray fervently for them! Let your group members know when you are praying for them, if you have any scriptures or encouraging words for them, etc.