

THE AMAZING AMARYLLIS – Part 5

Last week we learn that waiting on God requires us to depend on Him alone and not other people or our circumstances ... because *we can rely on God to keep His promises.*

"The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does." **Psalm 145:13b** (NIV)

This week we'll study how waiting on an amaryllis to grow is like ... waiting on God and realizing that ... *He is with you while you wait.*

===== **GOD IS WITH YOU WHILE YOU WAIT** =====

Do not be afraid

Fear can be a helpful response to dangerous situations. But it can also be something that overwhelms us and takes our eyes off of Christ. No matter our situation, however, Scripture shows us that a part of waiting upon God involves avoiding being controlled by fear and worry. The remedy to our fears is God himself.

Look up these Scripture references:

Psalm 56:3-4 _____

Psalm 46:1 _____

Isaiah 41:10 _____

God will never leave you

God doesn't protect our lives from difficulty, but He will always walk with us in it, and bring us to the other side. Sometimes His deliverance will be in this life and sometimes it will be all the way through to glory!

Isaiah 43:2 _____

Trust God while you wait

While it is true that all of God's creation belongs to God and is dependent upon Him, it is also true that those who have been adopted in Christ have a special belonging and dependence upon God as a Father.

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." 1 Corinthians 6:19

Our response to this reality should be to turn to the Lord in faith and wait upon him. We are needy creatures. We should not try to fix things on our own, but come to terms with our dependence upon our good and sovereign God Lord and trust him to help us.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

It takes faith to trust in God because trusting Him doesn't mean I am going to get what I want when I want it. Trusting Him means that I believe God will provide when the timing is right. Having faith while waiting on God means you believe there is nothing God can't do!

Remember God's past faithfulness

Remembering specific prayers God has favorably answered, and how you grew spiritually through times of affliction, may instill the faith needed for current stressors, such as delays. How has He provided financially? What relationships has He salvaged? What did He do in your heart and character during past episodes of waiting?

In Psalm 106:7-22, three times God lamented Israel's forgetfulness of His past deeds on their behalf.

Psalm 145 repeatedly tells us not only to remember His past deeds, but to tell others about His past faithfulness. Remembering and testifying ... shifts our focus from our current excruciating delay to who He is (and who He has been) for us.

Employ the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" during a devotional time.

Listen to a rendition of the song online. Digest the lyrics from a hymnbook. Ponder this question: *Which words/phrases in the lyrics mean most to me right now? Why?* Then sing the hymn back to God.

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

PRAYER: Dear Father God, Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me that I need not be afraid, that You will never leave me, and that I can trust You. Help me to remember Your past faithfulness while I wait on You. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You.. *In Jesus' Name, Amen*



This photo was taken Jan 11 2021 after two weeks ... the amaryllis has cleared the top of the vase!

Next weeks' lesson ... **God is working** while you wait.

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