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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

Abraham must have weighed the human impossibility of becoming a father against the divine impossibility of God being able to break His word and decided that since God is God, nothing is impossible for Him thus, he waited on God. – Dr. Kent Hughes

HOW DO WE WAIT WILLINGLY ON GOD?

1. We have to know God.

Hebrews 11:8, NASB95 - ⁸ By faith Abraham....

Biblical faith is expectant reliance on God alone that is accompanied by immediate obedience.

Isaiah 25:9, CEV - When that time comes, everyone will say, “The LORD has saved us! Let’s celebrate. We waited and hoped—now our God is here.”

Luke 9:23, NASB95 - ²³ And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”

2. We have to know God's will.

Hebrews 11:8, NASB95 - ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

3. We have to obey God.

Hebrews 11:8, NASB95 - ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

4. We have to know God knows what He is doing.

Hebrews 11:8, NASB95 - ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

5. We have to know God will keep His promises.

Hebrews 11:9, 11-12, NIV - ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise... ¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

6. We have to know this world will not satisfy.

Hebrews 11:9, NIV - ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Nothing in this world will be secure, safe, or certain.

There will be no end to evil in this world until He returns.

Everything in this world will burn—except souls.

Isaiah 40:28–31, NASB95 - ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, and to *him who* lacks might He increases power. ³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, ³¹ yet those who wait [this Hebrew word means to *grab ahold for dear life*] on the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up *with* wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Psalms 130:5, CEV - I will wait for the LORD; I will wait and put my hope in His word.