

Anticipation: Living Ready for What God Will Do

Anticipation is more than waiting.

It's waiting **with expectation**—a heart leaning forward, eyes open, spirit alert. Anticipation says, “*God hasn't finished yet.*”

Scripture

- **Proverbs 13:12** – “*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*”
 - **Romans 8:25** – “*But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*”
 - **Psalms 130:5** – “*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.*”
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A Short Story

Picture a farmer in early spring.

The fields look empty—brown soil, no green shoots, no proof that anything is happening. But the farmer still rises each morning with purpose. He checks the ground, prepares his tools, and protects the field. Why? Because **he knows what's coming**.

He doesn't see the harvest yet, but he lives in anticipation of it.

Faith works the same way.

The Message

Many of us are standing in “empty fields.”

Prayers unanswered. Promises delayed. Silence where we hoped for movement.

But anticipation keeps us from quitting too soon.

- **Waiting without faith** leads to frustration.
- **Waiting with anticipation** produces strength.

God often does His deepest work **while we are waiting**, shaping us for what we've asked Him to do.

Anticipation keeps our hearts soft, our eyes open, and our obedience active—even before the breakthrough arrives.

Closing Thought

Don't just wait on God.

Wait expecting God.

Because the same Lord who made the promise is already preparing the fulfillment.

Amen.
