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How often the “busyness” of life can creep up and overwhelm us. Rather than having to depend on our own strength, it is our Christian privilege to enter into God’s presence. As we do, He will supply answers to our problems and give direction for our lives.

In *Waiting on God*, Andrew Murray shares thirty-one heartfelt meditations, one for each day of the month, to help renew our vision and quicken our desire to turn to the Lord for His quiet, peaceful strength.

Discover how God’s loving presence can refresh the weary heart that learns to wait on Him.

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Ian says

This is another tremendous devotional by Andrew Murray. It covers a subject not often emphasised in our modern world: the significance of waiting and waiting upon God.

There are 31 devotions that all start with a verse that typically uses the term "waiting" in it. Murray then expounds on the significance of the verse and how we can practically apply "waiting" in our lives. God moves at a different speed to us, and He desires our hearts to be dependent on Him. A posture of active waiting is a good reflection of dependence, letting Him guide, teach and direct us in all we do.

I'm sure this is one of those books that only gets better with more reading so I plan to re-read very soon.

Chris says

again, they don't have my cover :/ it is from 1983

It has been said that it takes 30 days to change or add a habit.

If this is true and works for all, then we are basically renewing our minds to a new thing.

This book uses 31 chapters, which I laid out to read 1 a day for the month of October. As I was reading this I realized I was adding a principle of waiting on God to my mindset. The idea is WAITING, not expect it right away or before I need it, but wait on God for His perfect timing. This was good for my soul :-)

Mark says

Ranks near the top of my most beloved devotional helps. AM is so warm and inviting, yet he challenges me with the bold truth. A treasure that I keep returning to.

Sam says

I've read and re-read this book over the years and have found it a valuable tool in focusing on truly waiting on God. Using it as a daily devotional gives me direction and insight! I recommend it to anyone seeking and struggling in their efforts to wait on God!

Amber B. says

One of the most encouraging books I've ever read. It's one to pick up time and time again.

Kimberly Bogelund says

This was life changing for me. I read it during a time of intense change and it helped me to hang tight to the sovereignty of God when I was shaking.

John Neece says

In this short back, Murray gives us 31 lessons (meant to be read in 31 days) centered around the theme of Waiting on God. Murray is well known and respected. Some of the lessons are quite inspirational. Yet, I didn't find the messages as inspiring as many who have read this book do. Other Christian authors have inspired me more. To each his own, as I know that many people love this little book.

Olivia says

I started this ages ago, then lost it, and found it again weeks later. I've finally finished it! I love the premise of this book; the focus on waiting on God even when it is hard. It is a book worth reading. I only gave it three stars because the author repeats himself over and over again and I found his writing a little difficult to concentrate on. A book I recommend to everyone, despite my lower rating :)

Ann Coffin says

This is my all-time favorite book. Set up as 31 short chapters, it can be used as a daily devotional or just picked up and enjoyed whenever you need a spiritual lift. It has often sustained me through trials, and helped me to view things differently, knowing that God is in control and that trust, faith and patience in His perfect timing is all I need. But most of all, a great feeling of peace envelops me each time I read a passage.

Athena Butler says

Aside from the Bible this book has had the biggest impact in my life. Our greatest place of safety is waiting for God. Our greatest challenge in the waiting is under estimating the blessings that God gives to us while we wait on Him - this book was life transforming for me...during the waiting my heart learned while I thought I was waiting for God to bless me with AB or C he was patient until I understood " He is my exceedingly great reward." I hear Him now even in the silence.

Vaclav says

i wonder how much we wait on God, before we say or do anything... Jesus said that without him we can do

nothing, we're not able! we may try, but we can't. should we? only by going to him, telling him all, depending on him, and finding his grace at the throne of grace to enable us for the life and ministry he has for us! very important, but sadly overlooked and not appealing subject and not very much part of our western busy cyborg life!

Rachel says

I have been reading day 11 for about a week and a half- I just love Andrew Murray- I think I will be reading through this for the next several months, chewing on it, praying about it- so good!

I will definitely read this book again. I have already returned to it several times to read an entry which particularly touched me.

I am planning to read all of Andrew Murray's books.

I still have not read all his books, but this is one of my favorites devotionals. I thank God for those who have gone before that take time to mentor, inspire, and exhort us as we seek to walk with Christ- to wait upon Him. Highly recommend.

Cathy says

I read "Waiting On God" as part of a single-bound trilogy, "Walking with God."

I chose this book without really looking at it much because I liked the author, Andrew Murray. Then, I took it with me to read as a private devotional while I helped chaperoning a middle school camp. At the camp, as a sort of side-note, everyone was given a list of possible virtues and asked what they thought that God was working on in their lives. I told my group that the one that came to my mind wasn't on the list: patience, because of this book. I hadn't realized or even considered that a book entitled "Waiting On God" might be about patience. And that is a hard virtue to focus on!

I once had a friend in a Bible study jokingly tell me that he'd prayed for patience and that he'd never pray for patience again, because so many things went wrong, testing his patience, after that prayer. And no, I don't think things went wrong any more than usual while I was reading this book – yet, anyway.

I think I needed this book, as a reminder to slow down, and to be still before God, a practice that had become, atypically for me, frightening after experiences at our former church. Some of the people there, including an elder, practice Lectio Divina, the practice of waiting in stillness before God. But, they managed to wander away from scriptural truth when they did that, each to his or her own favorite tangent. Not that Lectio Divina actually has to lead away from scripture, but that particular church as a whole had no guard-rails to keep them from wandering away from truth into the errors of just whatever they feel. (See David Benner's "Opening to God: Lectio Divina" for more information on what that entails and also for my review on it, if you're interested. My biggest problem with the book was that Benner calls the Holy Spirit "female" even though Jesus references Him clearly as male. I wouldn't be opposed to a female god if that were so, but it ain't so.)

Anyway, after my church had wandered away from Biblical truth on so many fronts, even on core beliefs, and we had felt that it was time to change churches, I felt afraid of waiting before God, because of the abuses

of the practice I'd seen in the church. And as they wandered further from scripture, one leader more or less said that we didn't need to hold to scripture because we don't worship the Bible. We don't "worship" it, but it was inspired by the Holy Spirit, and as such, is His "voice" speaking. I told one group of teens there that since the Holy Spirit inspired the Bible, the Holy Spirit within us would agree with it – or what we were listening to within us wasn't the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures is the same Person who indwells believers. I remember they looked at me incredulously.

Those abuses of the practice, however, have nothing to do with Andrew Murray's "Waiting On God." He doesn't even mention "Lectio Divina" and I don't know what he would think of it. I just meant to reference them as a sort of guard-rail and warning. And I wanted to mention the fact that I do need to incorporate waiting on God more into my daily rhythms, that I've been neglecting it to some extent, even while I continue to pursue Bible study and prayer. For me, sometimes waiting on God means to just pause a minute, kneeling in private remembrance of Who He is. For some reason, it helps to remind me to physically kneel, although I don't always. And if He brings someone in mind to contact or encourage, I try to follow through.

And now, after this preface, I'll finally get around to reviewing the book! I loved the Bible references for waiting on God. In fact, that was my favorite part of the whole book. I loved that these verses talked about why we wait on God, how to wait on God, and what the blessings and conditions are for waiting on God. I'll put some of these verses in my favorite book quotes at the end of the review, but I'll warn in advance that they are plentiful.

I had never realized that there were so many verses in the Bible about waiting on God. I'd never really thought about the topic at all before, except for the very familiar Isaiah 40:31 verse, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." I suppose I paused long enough to wonder whether waiting on God was a sort of waiting, like waiting in line at a supermarket, waiting for Him to act, or more like "waiting on" tables, waitressing service. I wasn't sure if it was a statement of patience or a statement of service.

Andrew Murray took the stance that waiting on God is waiting patiently for Him to act. But, towards the end of his book, he also mentioned that we should be loving other people as we wait.

"Jesus refuses to accept our love except it is love to His disciples." And the title of the 2nd book in this trilogy is "Working for God," so I imagine that it's really a combination of the two – patience and serving.

Favorite quotes:

"In your patience possess ye your souls." – Luke 21:9

"You have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." – Hebrews 10:36

"Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." – James 1:4

"My soul I wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." – Psalm 62:5

"My soul waiteth only upon God; from Him cometh my salvation." – Psalms 62:1

"These wait all upon Thee; ... Thou openest Thine hand, they are satisfied with good." – Psalm 104:27-28. I liked what Murray said about God satisfying us with Himself in this chapter.

“Show me Thy ways, O Lord. Teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me; For Thou art the God of my salvation: On Thee do I wait all the day.” – Psalms 24:4,5 This chapter was about waiting for God to teach us.

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen Thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” – Psalms 27:14

“Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart, all ye who hope in the Lord.” – Psalm 31:24

“Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.” – Psalms 33:18

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” – Psalm 37:7,9

“Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.” – Colossians 1:11

“I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.” – Psalm 130:5

“I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for Him.” – Isaiah 8:17. I loved this chapter where Murray talked about seeking God for others who do not currently have a relationship with Him.

“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, not perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him.” – Isaiah 64:4

“It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.” – Lamentations 3:26

“The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.” – Habakkuk 2:20

“Therefore will I look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.” – Micah 7:7

“Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.” – Hosea 12:6

“Man was not meant to have in himself a fountain of life, or strength, or happiness.” – Andrew Murray

“In praying we are often occupied with ourselves, with our own needs, and our own efforts in the presentation of them. In waiting upon God, the first thought is of the God upon Whom we wait. We enter His presence and feel we need just to be quiet, so that He, as God, can overshadow us with Himself.”

“We are so accustomed to judge God and His work in us by what we feel, that it is very likely that when we begin to cultivate the waiting on Him, we shall be discouraged, because we do not find any special blessing from it.... You are not going to wait on yourself to see what you feel and what changes come to you. You are going to wait on God, to know first, what He is, and then, after that, what He will do.”

“Let our whole habit of waiting on God be pervaded by abounding hope – a hope as bright and boundless as God’s mercy. The fatherly kindness of God is such that, in whatever state we come to Him, we may confidently hope in His mercy.”

“The dangers are often very real and dark. The situation, whether in the temporal or spiritual life, may appear to be utterly hopeless, yet there is always one hope; God’s eye is on them.” Said of Psalms 33:18, above

“It is resting in the Lord, in His will, His promise, His faithfulness, and His love, that makes patience easy.” Easy! I would’ve just said easier, not easy. But, there is truth in that resting in God does make patience easier.

“Give God His glory by resting in Him, by trusting Him fully, by waiting patiently for Him. This patience honors Him greatly.”

“Learn to worship God as the God Who does wonders.”

“In waiting on God it is of infinite consequence that we not only submit, because we are compelled to, but because we lovingly and joyfully consent to be in the hands of our blessed Father.”

“And if you sometimes feel as if patience is not your gift, then remember it is God’s gift, and take that prayer, ‘The Lord direct thine hearts into the patience of Christ.’ (2 Thessalonians 3:5)”

“In all our gatherings we need to believe in the Holy Spirit as the Guide and Teacher of God’s saints.”

“Set yourself to wait on God, on behalf of His erring children. Instead of the tone of judgment or condemnation, of despondency or despair, realize your calling to wait upon God. If others fail in doing it, give yourself wholly to it. The deeper the darkness, the greater the need of appealing to the one and only Deliverer.”

“Let us wait on God in tender, loving intercession for all saints, our beloved brethren, however wrong their lives or their teaching may appear.”

“Truly, waiting on God is not meant to be a spiritual self-indulgence.”

“Every act or exercise of waiting just becomes a quiet entering into the goodness of God.”

“The Spirit in us is not a power at our disposal.”

“When He gives grace or strength or life, He gives it by giving Himself to work it.”

Ed says

This is an excellent devotional book on the subject of waiting on God. I wish that I had read this book many years ago. If I did and followed the teachings here, I probably would not be in the fix that I now am. When we are younger, we want God to operate on our time schedule. We do not like standing still, but want to leap forward trusting in God to answer our prayers as soon as we pray for them and not to wait for an answer. If I had only waited on God and His time schedule, then I would have been far better off. God does answer prayer either yes or no or wait. I do not like to wait, so if it wasn't either yes or no, then I thought that God was automatically saying no. Many opportunities were lost because I was not willing to wait on the Lord. I recommend that Christians read this book and learn to wait, wait, and wait on the Lord. God knows who you are and where you are, and He will never fail you. Note, this book is not for the lost, but for those Christians

who know and trust in the Lord.

Dyanna says

Andrew Murray again made me cry from all my heart for God. This book's theme is about waiting on God unconditionally with all your being. Honestly this book came in my time of need because I want to have a deep relationship with God but I am unsuccessful because I do not have patience . This book opened my eyes and made me see that God has a plan for you no matter what and that even if you do not feel close to Him , He is always there and changes you little by little. I learned and also saw that God transforms me slow and surely in His time and that I only need to pray and wait for Him because that is His way of giving me the understanding of what patience really means .
