



LEARNING TO WAIT ON THE LORD

with Charlie Watkins

▶ FOCUS VERSE

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14

▶ DISCUSSION

- 1. Who would you say is the most “Christlike” person you’ve ever known—someone who seemed to have it all together, who lived an upstanding life and was the kind of leader people are just naturally drawn to?**
 - a. Do you remember a certain moment or incident that made you realize just how special this person was?
 - b. How did your life change as a result of having a relationship with this person?
- 2. Has there been a time in your life when you thought someone should’ve come to you asking for forgiveness for something, but realized later that it was *you* who should’ve been asking forgiveness from *them*? (See *Colossians 3:13*.)**
 - a. How did you come to this realization?
 - b. Did you ever ask this person for their forgiveness, and what is your relationship with them like today?
- 3. Of the fears, anxieties, or “wounds” you developed while you were growing up, are there any you’re concerned you might pass on to your own children? Why?**



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4. **Charlie talks about how the wounds we suffered early in our lives, if “unearthed” through the healing power of God, can become our greatest strengths (as an example, he cites his family’s frequent moves due to his father’s Navy career, which made it hard for him to put down roots and make friends but has made him stronger and more adaptable as an adult). Can you think of any wounds or traumas you experienced as a young man that ultimately helped you grow stronger in an important way?**

5. **Charlie says that we have to get the things that prevent us from hearing God out of our way—and one of the biggest is our “false selves” who can’t or won’t hear what God is trying to tell us.**
 - a. Is there a “false self” you find yourself frequently presenting to the world?

 - b. Why do you find yourself lapsing into that persona?

 - c. Describe the characteristics of your false self, and which ones might be blocking you from a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God.

6. **Are there any ways in which you feel your parents fell short when they were raising you, and that you have made a point of not repeating with your own children?**
 - a. Why is that so important to you?

7. **Of the seven things Charlie says men should do in partnership with God to lead a successful life—give God your time, money, relationships, and talents; explore and learn about your true identity in Christ; place yourself under God’s authority; and prepare yourself for “spiritual warfare” against the enemy—which one(s) do you think come most naturally to you? *(See Mark 8:34.)***
 - a. Which one(s) do you feel unprepared for or apprehensive about?

8. **Would you say that you’re good at “waiting on the Lord” in times of challenge or turmoil, or do you find it hard to exercise that patience? *(See Psalm 27:14.)***
 - a. During that waiting period, do you ever contemplate the ways in which you could be of service to God or your fellow man? Why or why not?

