

He cares enough...

"When you care enough to send the very best." We are all familiar with this slogan of a popular greeting card company. There are times in everyone's life when we feel the "very best" will never come. Maybe you are waiting for that open door which marks your professional life as a success. You may be looking for that perfect little home, complete with the white picket fence lined with beautiful roses. Or maybe you have that home, but you long for a time when there will be a pair of men's slippers beside your pink fluffy ones each evening.

God has given all of us dreams and wishes. However, we may be short of the faith and patience to wait for the fulfillment of those dreams. It is during these times that we need to remind ourselves that God does care for each one of us. I'm not sure about you, but patience has never been my best quality.

Many times if I find myself in a situation where I have to wait, I do better distracting myself with another task. You know, I'm the woman standing in line to check out while balancing my check book. Waiting in the doctor's office, I will be devouring every word of the novel I am currently reading. Recently I found myself totally distorted because my cell phone "died" as I was traveling across the state. This is when I catch up with all my friends, you see. Thank goodness for the hands-free "do-dads" for our phones to keep us from having cramps in our hands. Oh, I guess they make it safer for us to drive and talk, too.

As a single woman, there have been many times I was not thrilled with the suggestions others offered to distract me while I wait for my dreams to come true. In fact, you may have experienced some of this same pain - when others tell you to use the time you are not in a relationship as time to become the godly woman God wants you to be.

Even though they mean well, these words seem to imply that you are not "good enough" for the dream within your heart. Instead of being a welcomed distraction it launches you on a long journey of trying to "perfect yourself" in order to be worthy of such a blessing from the Lord. The more you try within yourself, the more you resent the waiting game.

I wish to encourage you today. It isn't

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a time to “perfect” ourselves, even though we all - married and single - are admonished to live from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are waiting because God cares enough to send the very best to us.

Call out to the Lord. Share your dreams and wishes with your heavenly Father. For He hears your requests and desires; He will not withhold a good gift from you (Psalm 21:2; 84:11). The answer to your dream, whether it is the ultimate job, that lovely home or the mate to build a home with, will be tailored just for you. God is working out the minute details just for you - the apple of His eye. (Psalms 17:6, 8)

Focus Questions

1. Create a list of dreams and wishes that you are keeping in your heart. Draw a small heart beside the dreams that you feel God is interested in.
2. Read 1 Peter 5:7 and paraphrase it into your own words.
3. What minute details in the past has God used to reveal His love and care for you?

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