

**Wait, Wait For
What?**

Matthew 14:32

**People today, we don't
like to wait!**

Wait...what?

Matthew uses the word immediately 3 separate times:

- **Matthew 14:22** - And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

Immediately = Jesus makes disciples go ahead of him.

Matthew uses the word immediately 3 separate times:

- **Matthew 14:27** - But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Immediately = Jesus answers them when they cry out in fear.

Matthew uses the word immediately 3 separate times:

- **Matthew 14:31** - And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Immediately = Peter begins to sink and cried out for help

Romans divided the night into four shifts:

- 6pm – 9pm**
- 9pm – Midnight**
- Midnight – 3am**
- 3am – 6am**

Matthew 14:25 - And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Wait... what?

Types of waiting we experience in life:

**Waiting may be the hardest
thing we are called to do**

**Psalms 37:7 - Rest in the LORD,
and wait patiently for him:**

Wait...what?

Why? Why does God make us Wait?

- 1. To Master the art of “Delayed Gratification”**
- 2. Waiting on God requires uncomplaining trust from us.**

2 Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. - ESV

3. Waiting on God requires secure humbleness

Isaiah 32:17- And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

4. Waiting on God requires hope

Romans 8:24 - For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Romans 8:25 - But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Isaiah 40:30 - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isaiah 40:31 - But 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; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.