



Tom Petty says that the waiting is the hardest part!

Nobody likes to wait, but it's worth it!

Waiting is hard, waiting is exhausting, but the waiting is worth it!

There are three phases to everything that you are waiting on in life and they can be summed up in an agrarian metaphor.

Seed (the inception/beginning):

Germination (the waiting/developing):

Harvest (the culmination/reception):

Matthew 25:1-13

The parable that Jesus uses is that of a wedding. A wedding in those days was much like our agrarian metaphor. The engagement, the agreement between families was the seed. The betrothal, the entering into a covenant was the germination or waiting period. Finally the wedding itself, the harvest was the culmination of everything when the bride and groom came together.

Jesus talks about the bridesmaids who were to be prepared with oil ready to light the path for the bridegroom when he returned. In the parable, some were prepared and others were not.

Jesus' point was that the bridesmaids were to be prepared for when the groom came back. In other words, in the waiting, they were to be making sure they were prepared for his return.

In the same way, in our waiting, we are to be preparing for what God is going to bring about in our lives.

We become frustrated in the waiting, but the waiting is what prepares us for harvest!

The waiting is a time of preparation for shaping and forming us!

Whatever you are waiting for, its worth it! Use the waiting as a time of preparation!

