



Communities Questions and Discussion

For the week of: **April 10, 2011**

1. In our society, we don't like to wait for many things. We expect fast web searches, instant coffee, fast food, 2 minute car washes and instant messaging. Share a ridiculous story of a time you've had to wait on something?
2. In contrast to that, what are some things you don't mind waiting for and why?
3. Recall Joseph's story from this weekend's sermon (Gen 40-41). Joseph pleaded for his freedom, but was only forgotten and left in jail for two whole years before someone remembered he was there. Have you ever felt like Joseph must have felt - alone and forgotten? What positive things come from waiting, as Joseph did, for rescue from God? Refer to Genesis 41:38-41.
4. Read Genesis 41:9-14. Joseph was remembered at just the right time. His waiting was well worth it. How can waiting shape our character? How has waiting developed your character?
5. Sometimes, waiting allows God to speak to us. In the Bible, Samuel had to be still and listen in order to hear God speak to him (1 Samuel 3:3-11). What are some things in your life that interfere with hearing God speak? How does waiting help us hear Him speak to us?
6. How does waiting cause us to rely on God more than our own flesh (Isaiah 40:31)?