



TALK IT OVER

The Prayers You Have
Stopped Praying

BOTTOM LINE

Even when you can't see it, God is working.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's one of the most difficult times you ever had having patience? What made it so difficult?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [When God Is Silent](#) by Louie Giglio

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Yahweh, you alone are my inheritance. You are my prize, my pleasure, and my portion. You hold my destiny and its timing in your hands. Your pleasant path leads me to pleasant places. I'm overwhelmed by the privileges that come with following you! The way you counsel me makes me praise you more, for your whispers in the night give me wisdom, showing me what to do next. Because I set you, Yahweh, always close to me, my confidence will never be weakened, for I experience your wraparound presence every moment. My heart and soul explode with joy—full of glory! Even my body will rest confident and secure. For you will not abandon me to the realm of death, nor will you allow your Faithful One to experience corruption. Because of you, I know the path of life, as I taste the fullness of joy in your presence. At your right side I experience divine pleasures forevermore! Psalm 16:5-11 TPT

“God can move you anywhere He wants to speak to you.” – Sarah Mason

“God was saving Zechariah for something better than he knew to pray for.” – Sarah Mason

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Often someone will say, “I wish I lived when Jesus was on the earth.” What do you think prompts that thought? Do you think believing would have been easier or harder in Bible days than now? Why? What makes believing hard for you now? God can move you anywhere He wants to speak to you. Is that comforting or frightening? Why? What prayer are you praying now that you have been tempted to stop praying? Who might God be trying to impact with the answer to your prayer and the way He gives it? Even when God began to answer Zechariah's prayer, He still had doubts. How do you deal with persistent doubt? God's answer is often better than what you were asking for. The fact that the God of the Universe comforts us in our waiting is a miracle in itself. Have you experienced that? If so, share. What helps you in the waiting? How can you encourage someone else who is waiting for their miracle?

ACTION STEP

I will not give up on praying for the desires I believe God has placed in my heart. But I will surrender to His best answer and will copy and keep Psalm 16:5-11 to read regularly while I wait. I will encourage myself in the Lord.