

**"WHY DOES GOD MAKE HIS CHILDREN WAIT...?"**  
(Waiting on the Lord - Part III)  
(Genesis 45:1-8)

**Introduction:** The Bible teaches that God is **{omnipotent}** and He is **{love}**. He is also **{omniscient}** (Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)).

**I. ...TO {DEEPEN} OUR INTIMACY WITH HIM!**

\*Exodus 20:4-5   \*Exodus 34:14   \*James 4:4-5   \*John 17:3   \*Ruth 1:11-18

\*Ruth 2:8-12   \*Ruth 4:13

**Bible example:** **{Ruth}**   **Question:** "Where did Ruth meet Boaz?"

**II. ...TO {DEMONSTRATE} OUR FAITH!**

\*Job 1:6-12   \*Job 1:20-22   \*Job 2:1-6   \*Job 2:9-10   \*Job 13:15

\*Job 19:8-12   \*Job 42:1-2   \*Job 42:10   \*Job 42:12   \*I Corinthians 10:13

\*Luke 4:1-2   \*Hebrews 4:14-16   \*Luke 18:1-8

**Bible examples:** **{Job / Jesus}**

**III. ...TO {DIRECT} OUR STEPS!**

\*Genesis 37:17-28   \*Genesis 39:1-5   \*Genesis 39:7-16

\*Genesis 39:7-18   \*Genesis 39:20-23   \*Genesis 41:51-52

\*Genesis 45:1-8   \*Isaiah 30:20-21   \*Philemon 1:9-11

\*Philippians 1:12-14

**Bible examples:** **{Joseph, the Patriarch / Paul, the Apostle}**

**Conclusion:** It is **important** for believers to know why God makes us wait!  
(James 1:2-8)