

Matt 26:36

*Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples,
"Sit here while I go and pray over there."*

You may have heard it said that God answers prayer in three ways. Yes, no and wait. Here is an example of God saying to wait, here in the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was praying before He was to be betrayed and crucified. We all know this account of Jesus asking Peter.

† **Matt 26:40-41** *Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

We wonder why Jesus only said this to Peter and not the other ten. The answer is in today's devotional verse.

"Sit here while I go and pray over there."

But Jesus was saying this to the other eight, because Jesus took Peter and two others with Him to pray.

† **Matt 26:37** *And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.*

Sometimes we wonder why God hasn't answered our prayers. Sometimes it's because we haven't prayed, just as Peter didn't.

Other times it's just because God is still working things out, as we see that the eight were told to wait.

But rest assured that what God says will happen, will actually happen.

Jesus had been telling His disciples just hours ago that He was going to be betrayed and crucified, and soon afterwards Jesus' words came to pass.

Sometimes we don't like to wait, but rest assured that God has a purpose for you waiting. Maybe to rest in Him, because we are always so gun ho to do for the Lord, but sometimes He wants us to wait on Him and His timing.

† **Psalms 27:14** *Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!*