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Ps 31.24 Be strong and let your heart take courage all you who wait upon the Lord.

Waiting is difficult. Waiting in the line at the grocery store, waiting for traffic to get moving, waiting for a tardy child. This kind of waiting is frustrating.

Then there is waiting for a new job to appear. Waiting for an acceptance to college. Waiting for results from the lab tests. This is anxious waiting.

Consider waiting for the birth of a child. Waiting for the arrival of a friend. Waiting for the big game to start. This is hopeful waiting.

Sometimes we wait for a loved one to fight off an addiction, we wait until the dementia claims your beloved's body as well as their mind, we wait for our turn to be vaccinated....this is exhausting waiting.

But waiting for a parent to show you love who never will, waiting for a pregnancy that never happens, waiting for a society that sees YOU and not just the color of your skin, waiting for the break that will pull you out of poverty....this is waiting that requires courage.

There are things in life that need the hand of God. Waiting for those things requires a strong and courageous heart. Make my heart strong, Lord so I can wait and courageous enough to act for justice.