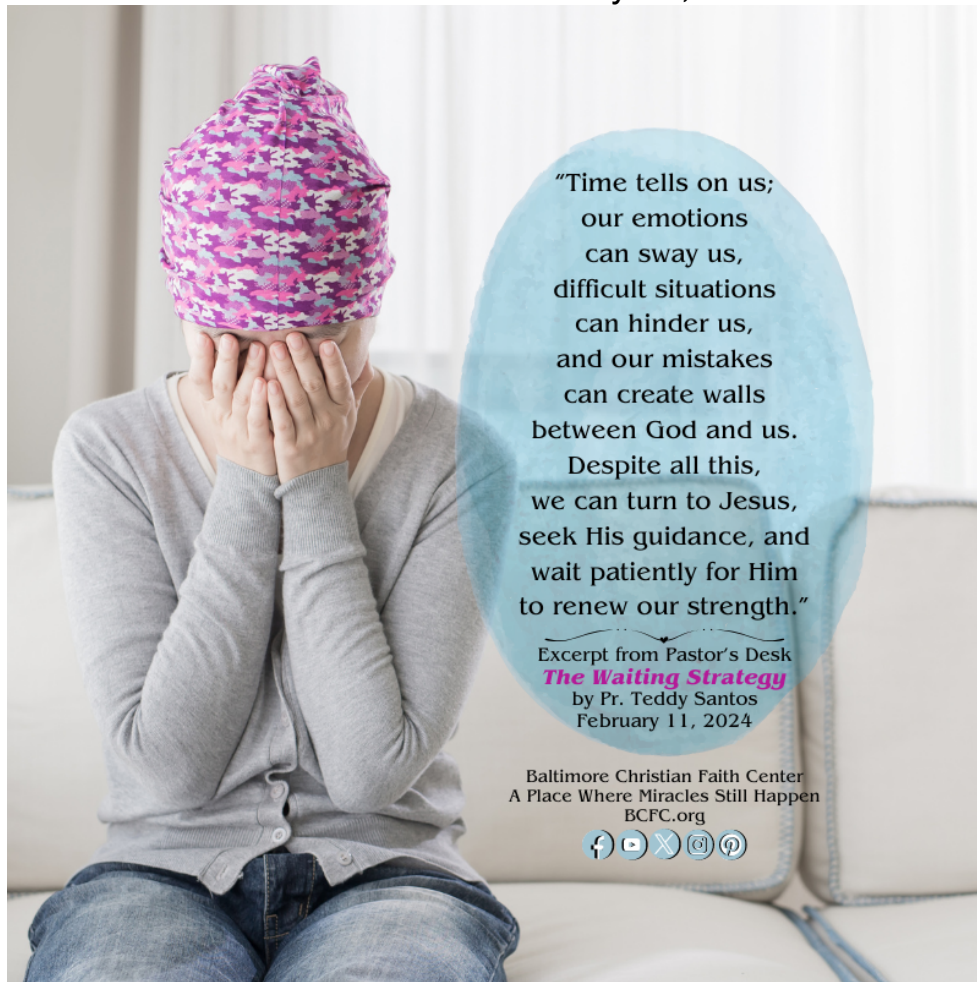


# The Waiting Strategy

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**Isaiah 40:31:** *"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength..."*

Some will probably read this verse with a lost heart and content with giving up in despair. It seems God had forgotten to be gracious and, in anger, had shut up His tender mercies. To such, Isaiah declares: God is not tired: you suspect He is because you are. But instructions are clear: "Wait on the Lord!"

The question is not about changing your environment but your courage, endurance, and confidence in winning. Despite obstacles, "...**They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.**"

The unavoidable order is mounting up - running - walking! We assume that the journey begins with walking, then running, then flying with wings like an eagle. However, in reality, experience proves that this prophetic order is accurate! We mount, we run, we walk!

And let's fulfill this promise. "**those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength.**" We rely too much on external spurs to reignite our passion. We return to daily routines with energy and motivation that lasted weeks or months. But eventually, we find ourselves losing steam again despite efforts to keep going. We run until we are exhausted; we walk until we feel weak.

Strengthen yourself first if you want to regain motivation and strength - and you do that in the presence of the Lord. Time tells on us; our emotions can sway us, difficult situations can hinder us, and our mistakes can create walls between God and us. Despite all this, we can turn to Jesus, seek His guidance, and wait patiently for Him to renew our strength.

At His service,  
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