Hosea 12:6 *(NRSV) ...return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait* ***CONTINUALLY*** *for your God.*

Psalms 62:5 *(NLT) Let all that I am wait* ***QUIETLY*** *before God, for my hope is in him.*

Psalms 40:1 *(NIV) I waited* ***PATIENTLY*** *for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.*

Isaiah 26:8 (NASU) ...O LORD, We have waited for You **EAGERLY**; Your name, even Your memory, is the desire of our souls.

The dictionary reminds that WAIT means an expectation or hope that something will happen, as well as the idea of being ready or available. (Encarta) Those thoughts are expressed in these verses that remind us that we are to WAIT on the Lord. We must wait Continually - not just a one time option. We should wait Quietly - or in stillness otherwise we may miss what God wants to communicate. Waiting should be done Patiently - it is always God's timing that matters not ours. Finally we should Wait Eagerly - with an expectation that something will happen at any moment. But how do we do these things? How can we Wait in all these ways? I believe Isaiah gives us some help here as well.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace all who **TRUST** in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

We need to TRUST Him and fix our THOUGHTS on HIM. He has promised Perfect Peace (even while we wait) if we will TRUST Him and FOCUS on Him. We can also count on His help and strength to help us TRUST and FOCUS on Him.

PRAYER: Lord, God I want to Trust You More and to Stay Focused on You. Please help me. I cannot do this alone. I do want to honor you by TRUSTING You as I Wait. Please Lord help me to sense Your Peace as I wait on You.

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