Hosea 12:6 *(NRSV) But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and WAIT continually for your God.*

Lamentations 3:25-26 *(NLT) The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. [26] So it is good to WAIT quietly for salvation from the Lord.*

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

****In the Encarta dictionary there are a number of ways that the word WAIT is defined and used. These two seem to make the most sense in relation to these verses. ***Wait = the expectation or hope that something will happen. Wait = to be ready or available.*** Waiting CONTINUALLY before God certainly implies the idea of hope in the fact that God will act. It also implies the idea that I am available for anything that God has in mind. The second thought is to wait QUIETLY before God. As much as I hate waiting I suppose waiting quietly is even harder. Yet it is clear that there are many times that God wants us to WAIT and that He wants us to do it in Quiet expectation that He is in control.

PRAYER: Lord, God please help me to learn to WAIT continually and quietly before YOU. Help me to see it as a privilege and to enjoy those times of quiet, expectant, trust.

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