

# What You Can Do When God Seems Silent

## Blog worksheet

I grew up in an agricultural area. During winter farmers busied themselves so that they would be ready for harvest time when it came. If you are in a place of waiting on God to work, you may want to be like the 'hard-working farmer' in the off season and use this time to:

1. Examine your hearts to see if there is anything in you that could be stopping God from working in you.
  - a. Is there anything blocking or distracting you from hearing God's voice?
  - b. Ask yourself:
    - i. Is there any unconfessed sin in my life? (Psalm 66:18, Joshua 7-9)
    - ii. Do I have wrong motives? (James 4:2-4)
2. Prepare the soil and pray for rain and sun at the right time pray for laborers...
  - a. Pray for the harvest (Matthew 9:35-38, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9 and Matthew 13:19; John 1:12, 3:24, 6:44, 16:8-13; Acts 3:19, 17:27,30-31; Romans 3:19, 10:7; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 3:7-8; Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)
  - b. Pray for laborers (Matt 9:37-38; and Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 1:8, 5:42; 1 Corinthians 2:2-3; Ephesians 6:19; 2 Timothy 2:15,20-25; 1 Peter 3:15)
  - c. Pray against enemy strongholds (Romans 1:18-25; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:15-16)
3. Make sure all your tools sharpened, your tractors are working, and harvest hands are trained and ready.

Do all you can do in advance to be ready for when God is ready to work. You might want to make a list of things you and your team can work on now so to be prepared for when God begins answering your prayers for KVs, for partnerships, for multiplying disciplers, for multiplying movements (preparing vision casting stories, initial small group studies you can use to model to students, simple practical ministry training packets for students, a 'KV Challenge'-type approach that your team will use, etc.).
4. Watch anxiously for the time to be right.
  - a. Matthew 25 – the parable of the 10 virgins, the parable of the talents; 2 Peter 3:12; 1 Corinthians 1:7-8; Romans 8:19, 23; Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13).
  - b. An oft-repeated phrase in the Bible is '*at the right time*' or, '*when the fullness of the time came*'. Perhaps God is waiting for the perfect time to start His work in your midst so that He gets the most glory! So continue to watch for Him to work without growing weary. (Galatians 4:4, Ephesians 1:10, Romans 5:6, 1 Timothy 2:6, Mark 1:15, etc.)
  - c. Perhaps God is waiting for *you* to be ready. Be open to His work in you! (Exodus 23:27-30 - pay attention to verse 30)