

# Wait Training

# “Wait”

- Stay in place / remain inactive or in anticipation until something expected occurs.
- Wait on: act as servant to someone; supply one's needs (person at table by a waiter), customer in store (is anybody waiting on you?).
- Wait up: put off going to bed until someone comes home; wait for someone.

# I. Biblical Waiting

# Waiting examples

- Elders, Ex.24:14 . . . Israel, 32:1...
- Ruth, Ru.1:13 . . . 14
- Immoral woman, Prov.23:28
- Simeon, Lk.2:25-32
- Apostles, Lk.24:49 . . . Ac.1:4

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II. Wait Training

# 1. Saul, 1 Sm.10:...8

- 1 Sm.13:8
  - Saul panicked ... offered ... sinned
- This was unbelief (repeats error of Ex.32)
- This was presumption (cf. 2 Chr.26)

## 2. Lepers, 2 Kings 7:1-9

Some waiting is sin [greedy and fatal]

- Our friends need gospel.
- Our family needs training.
- Our soul needs daily nourishment.

### 3. Israelites (us), Prov.20:22

- Someone mistreats us
- Temptation: retaliation
- Salvation: wait on Lord . . .

‘It may be difficult to wait  
on the Lord, but it is  
worse to wish you had.’



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- “Good things come to those who wait”
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Waiting for God is . . .

- 1) Activity under command, trusting God.  
Gn.37ff.
- 2) Anticipating any new command.
  - (a) Moses in Midian, Ex.2-4.
  - (b) Unbelieving Israelites, Nu.13-14.
  - (c) Paul in prison, Ph.1.
- 3) Ability to do nothing until command comes.  
Lk.2:36-38, Anna.

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  - C. Faith is eager to obey. Hb.5:12-14

# Jesus Waits

- Hb.10:13
  - He waits, wanting all to repent.
  - His patience has a limit.

## We Wait

- Hb.9:28
  - Teach me, Lord, to wait
- Acts 22:16