3/29/20

**Waiting on the Lord**

**Psalm 27** – David gives us a fearless trust of waiting on God, there may be dread and fear but God is our defense

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the [*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27&version=NASB#fen-NASB-14287a)*]defense of my life;  
Whom shall I dread?****2****When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,  
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.****3****Though a host encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
Though war arise against me,  
In spite of this I [*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27&version=NASB#fen-NASB-14289b)*]shall be confident.*

***13*** *[*[*j*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27&version=NASB#fen-NASB-14299j)*]I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of the living.****14****Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong and let your heart take courage;  
Yes, wait for the Lord.*

Verse 14: Wait for the Lord

1. Command- wait
2. Purpose – gain strength/courage
3. Practice- responsibility as God’s people

\*\* *WAIT – (Hebrew word) – relates to a wrapping/twisting of a rope, tied to something, bind together –* so if we are to wait on the Lord we are to tie ourselves to Him, be connected to God and live with strong expectancy on the Lord \*\*

1. COMMAND – to wait on the Lord

* The nature of what God’s people do, living by faith is waiting on the Lord

*Psalm 25:3 Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed;  
Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.*

* God’s people practice walking by faith and strengthening their character

*Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.*

* God’s people strengthen their confidence and thinking

*Isaiah 40:31 Yet those who]wait for the Lord Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with [*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+40%3A31&version=NASB#fen-NASB-18452c)*]wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.*

* Courage and Strength comes when we wait on the Lord

*Psalm 39:7 “And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.*

*Isaiah 64:4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear,  
Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.*

**What are you waiting for today? What have you tied your thinking to?**

…if it’s not waiting on the Lord then your thinking is causing distraction

**What are we waiting for God to do?**

* Finish the work inside of you
* Complete His purposes in the world for the final days

*Philippians 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

**How do we wait on God? PRACTICE**

1. Expectantly trusting the Lord in all things
2. Patiently submitting to God and His time in our life
3. Joyfully praising God for His work
4. Faithfully praying to God to do His will now
5. Enduringly watching for the Lord to return

*Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;*

*1 Thessalonians 1:9-10* *For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,****10****and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.*