



WAITING *Well*

Fearing Instead of Waiting

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1. Fear often moves you to rely upon your TIMING and RESOURCES rather than God's.

1 Samuel 11:15, 1 Samuel 13:7-10

Saul wasn't IMPULSIVE – he was IMPATIENT.

Exodus 20:24, 1 Samuel 7:9-10, Deuteronomy 17:18-19, 1 Samuel 13:11-12, 1 Samuel 13:13-14, 1 Samuel 15:24, 1 Samuel 28:4-7



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2. Waiting is a struggle because it seems like being PASSIVE when you want to be ACTIVE.

Isaiah 30:15

Scripture consistently portrays how God loves to use the weak things, the despised things, "the things that are not to nullify the things that are" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31) so that we cannot BOAST in our victories because it's so OBVIOUS that God accomplished them.



"Waiting is not inactivity—it's trust. Choosing to stay anchored in God instead of rushing ahead on your own."

— Mark Vroegop, *Waiting Isn't a Waste: The Surprising Comfort of Trusting God in the Uncertainties of Life*

3. Our maturing response to God's demonstrated faithfulness is HUMILITY and PATIENCE.

Psalms 131



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King Saul's reasoning for why he grew impatient and did not "wait well":

- his men were scattering (RESOURCES were diminishing)
- Samuel was not on time (EXPECTATIONS were failing)
- the opposition was getting ready to strike (CHALLENGES were mounting)

Begin to value the ACTIVITY of PRAYER when you're afraid and are tempted to "just do something"

"You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed"

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