



## Learning to Wait

Waiting seemed like a universally disliked action. Young children would often find it hard when they are asked to wait before they are given what they want. In many ways, we are “trained” to expect instant gratification today – we get what we want as soon as we want it. What is it about “waiting” that makes it so hard for us to do so?

How can we learn to wait? What exactly are we waiting for when we are called to wait? In our day and age where everything is done to eliminate waiting times, it is no wonder that we don't like waiting. However, there are times in our lives that there simply isn't anything we can do except to wait. What do we do then? How do we wait? David, through this Psalm, will teach us on what it means to wait for the Lord.

### Launch

- 1) Why do you think we find it so hard to wait?

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#### Read Psalm 27:1-14

- 2) Who wrote this Psalm? What does he say about who the Lord is to him? (v1)
- 3) What are some of the afflictions that he describes in v2-3, and what does he do about it?
- 4) What is the one thing that he will ask from the Lord? (v4)
  - a. What do you think that “one” thing means? (v4)
  - b. Why does he ask that one thing from the Lord? (v5-6)
  - c. If there is only one thing that you can ask from God and have it fulfilled, what would you ask for? Why?



- 5) What are some things that David is asking from the Lord? (v7-12)
  - a. From your answer in Q5, what do you think David is going through in his life right now?
  
- 6) What is David confident of? (v13) Why do you think he is confident of that?
  
- 7) What is David commanding in verse 14? Who do you think he is talking to?
  
- 8) Based on this psalm, does waiting for the Lord mean doing nothing? What then does waiting for the Lord involve?
  
- 9) What are some things that you have learned about waiting for the Lord from this Psalm?
  
- 10) What is the difference between what you normally ask from the Lord in your prayer compared to David's request from the Lord? (v4) How can you begin to change that?
  
- 11) What are some incidents in your life that you can draw confidence in knowing that the Lord is your "light and salvation"?

## Conclusion

Waiting is not a passive action. Oftentimes, we have this image of waiting of us sitting down and not doing much. However, David in this Psalm shows us that while waiting for the Lord, we can rejoice in who God is and what he has done for us. He laments the situation he is in, yet at the same time, he yearns for the Lord to deliver him from his current predicament. He is confident that he will see the goodness of the Lord, because the Lord has been his light, salvation, and stronghold.

While we wait for the Lord in any situation that we find ourselves in, let us do what David did. He reminds himself of God's goodness. He continues to say to himself, "Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." That is what we should be doing – trust in the Lord and wait for his deliverance. Ultimately, we have the promises of the Gospel in Christ, that God himself has delivered us from the coming judgement and one day we will be with God himself in the new heavens and the new earth. (Revelation 21:1-4)