

Sunday, November 13, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Abiding in Christ Involves Waiting

Series: Abiding in Christ ... 4

Text: John 15:1 - 17, Isaiah 40:21 - 31

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that waiting on God is easier than correcting the results of going forth in my own understanding.

Introduction:

~ John 15:1 – 17

~ Abiding in Christ Involves Hearing:
Open to the Holy Spirit, Open to the Scriptures,
Open to Counsel

1. Waiting on God:

~ Isaiah 40:21 – 31, (30) “*Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; (31) but they who wait (H6960 qaxa) for the LORD shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*”

~ Wait – to wait or look eagerly for, hope, expect, to lie in wait for, to wait for, linger for, to collect, bind together, to be collected. Strongs: wait for (probably originally twist, stretch, then of tension of enduring)

~ 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 long.*”

~ Mark 14:37, “*And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?”*”

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:9 – 10, “*For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, (10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*”

~ Abraham waited for 25 years

~ Joseph waited for years

~ Israel waited for centuries and continues to wait for the King

2. Waiting – Not Being Impulsive:

~ Sarah and the Birth of Ishmael; Genesis 16:1 - 6

~ Jephthah’s impulsive vow; Judges 11:29 - 40

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3. Waiting – Not Assuming:

~ Joshua sees God’s victory at Jericho and then experiences defeat at Ai; Joshua 7:1 - 5

~ David desires to build a house for the Lord; 1 Chronicles 17:1 - 15

~ 1 Timothy 5:22, “*Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.*”

4. Waiting – Involves Walking Together

~ Mark 6:7, “*And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.*”

~ Luke 10:1 – 2, “*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. (2) And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*”

~ Acts 13:2 – 3, “*While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (3) Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*”

Conclusion:

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way Lord

Psalm 130:5,6 NKJV

**(5) I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
And in His word I do hope.**

**(6) My soul *w*aits for the Lord
More than those who watch for the morning — *Yes, more than* those who watch for the morning.**