

“Waiting is the Hardest Part” 1 Samuel 24:1-7

I. Waiting: the Test of the Heart

A) Our Common Experience with Waiting

- 1) Waiting is hard because it _____
- 2) Waiting is hard because we don't want _____.

B) David's Unique Situation Regarding Waiting

Psalm 69:1-3

C) One Shining moment

II. Waiting: The Hardest Part

A) Why wait on God?

- 1) Develops faith & discernment
- 2) Maximizes glory to God, and benefit to you (and others!)
- 3) Special Assurances from God Along the Way ... 1 Samuel 24:19-20
- 4) Dangers of not Waiting
1 Samuel 25:22 v. 1 Samuel 25:26, 32-33

B) How do I know when to wait and when to act?

- 1) Understand God's ways/ know the word of God,
- 2) Be more influenced by honoring God than listening to others
- 3) Act in faith not out of expedience - maybe go forward, maybe wait, but waiting in faith

C) How Do I Develop a Better Habit of Waiting/ What do I do While I Wait?

- 1) Wait, but Do... Psalm 5:3
- 2) Enroll Others
- 3) Remember the Past, Surrender the Future
- 4) Trust God's Sovereignty v. Resist Unbelief see 1 Samuel 26:8-11