

MAIN POINT

Waiting on God and following His direction is always best, even when the future seems unclear.

INTRODUCTION

How easy or difficult is it for you to wait on someone or something?

What is something you are waiting for now? How are you doing at waiting on that thing?

Some of us are more naturally inclined toward patience as we wait for something or someone we are anticipating. But the reality is, few of us enjoy waiting on a regular basis. As we follow Jesus, we learn there are many seasons we are called to wait and this serves as a means of building our faith in Him. Today we will look at an example from the life of David where he was called to wait. As he waited, God gave him insight and direction that shaped His future.

DISCUSSION

> READ 1 SAMUEL 23:1-29.

What do you know about the context surrounding David and Saul during the time of this passage?

How had God called David to wait in an ongoing way during this time? How difficult would it have been for you to abide by God's call to wait if you were David? Why?

What are some specific ways God called David to wait in this passage?

Focusing on verses 7-14, what insight did God give David about his future?

What did God would say would happen if David did not change direction?

Though God did not give David clear direction on how to proceed based on the information he received, how did David respond?

What are some ways God guides us, even indirectly, through His Word and the wisdom of others who belong to Him?

Where is God leading you right now as you enter this new year?

How do you need to respond to God during this time? What action will be required? How can you seek the boldness to pursue what God is calling you toward?

APPLICATION

In today's passage we see David responded based on what He knew clearly from God? What is something you know clearly about God that you need to respond to today?