

**Series: "FAITH TO BELIEVE"**  
**Part 3: "IN THE WAITING"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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**Faith Defined:**

➤ Faith is believing \_\_\_\_\_ God says He is and believing He will do \_\_\_\_\_ He says

**Bid Idea:**

➤ God does not \_\_\_\_\_ our waiting, He \_\_\_\_\_ through it.

<sup>5</sup> The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikmash, east of Beth Aven. <sup>6</sup> When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. <sup>7</sup> Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear. <sup>8</sup> He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter. <sup>9</sup> So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." And Saul offered up the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup> Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

<sup>11</sup> "What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash, <sup>12</sup> I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering." <sup>13</sup> "You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

1 Samuel 13:5-14 (NIV)

**3 Mistakes we make in the waiting:**

1. We let \_\_\_\_\_ drive our \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. <sup>2</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2 (NIV)

2. We take \_\_\_\_\_ rather than taking \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:13-14 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NIV)

3. We want \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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