

WAITING #4

1Samuel 13

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Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – WAITING #4 – MAIN SLIDE

- 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – Deep love for God, His Word & presence

SLIDE 2 – FEEDBACK TIME – Post on FB Live Stream or text 775-322-3004

SLIDE 3 – WAIT – *DEFINITIONS & MEANINGS

- Def. “to wait for” – QAVAH – *to wait patiently, w/hope & trust*
 - *To look for, hope, expect; look eagerly for, to linger for*
 - *To be constant & diligent in persevering in waiting for something*
- Waiting (waiting for the Lord) ≠ sitting around doing nothing – boredom
- Rehearsing God’s goodness, faithfulness, predictable goodness

SLIDES 4,5 – ACTS 13:16-23 – the significance of waiting vs. not waiting

- Paul addressing synagogue crowds in Antioch Pisidia – reviewing Israel’s history
- Saul vs. David → ancestor of Jesus, the Savior & the Christ – here’s a sum-up

SLIDE 6 – CLOUD BY DAY/FIRE BY NIGHT

- Last 3 weeks **Isaiah 40, Psalm 40, & Psalm 37** –
- Waiting is 1 of the 1st things God ‘taught’ Israel post-Exodus
 - Going to the Promised Land – *When we leaving? Which way we going?*
 - Navigating hostile tribes & peoples – boundary lines
 - **Exodus 13:21,22** – Lord went before them; cloud by day/fire by night
 - Might stay a week or a year. What’d people do while waiting indefinitely?

SLIDE 7 – PRIESTS, JUDGES, KINGS, & PROPHETS

- God intended Israel to be different than other nations – God’s chosen people
- Theocracy – God as king → leader/judge (Moses,) → 12 tribal heads
- **PRIESTS** – all from the tribe of Levi – meant to follow Pentateuch/Mosaic law
 - Sacrifices, offerings, festivals, sacred activities **for the nation**
 - Strictly regulated (holy/set apart) – ONLY priests can do these duties
- **JUDGES**– God-appointed leader (Moses, Joshua, etc.) – hear God, tell nation
- **KINGS** – Israel – 12 tribes want a human king **1Sam 8** – to be like other nations
 - Rejection of God as king – w/the resulting troubles promised (humans)
- **PROPHETS** – Called by God to speak FOR God to the king
 - To keep God in the forefront of king’s mind, to challenge sin, etc...

SLIDE 8 – A TALE OF TWO KINGS

- Exploring what it means to ‘wait on/for the Lord’ – esp. in practical terms
- Saul & David – 2 men chosen by God to be King of Israel
 - Both charged with waiting – 2 very different responses/results
 - NOT “God chose Saul to stick it to Israel, then gave them a ‘good king’”

SLIDE 9 – SAUL

- Tribe of Benjamin – at least 8-12” taller, most handsome, approx. 40-year reign
- Intended to rule Israel → succession to be passed to son/descendants
 - Samuel meant to be “voice of God” to Saul – holding up a mirror
- Israel constantly dealing w/harassment of Philistines (& other neighbors)
 - Jonathan takes out Philistine garrison – they’re gathering to retaliate
 - Only swords in the country belong to king & son –
 - Israel gathers ‘army’ – way outnumbered, waiting for the attack
- Before going to battle – Samuel will offer a sacrifice, seeking God’s favor
 - **1Sam. 10:8** – WAIT 7 days, & I’ll be there for the sacrifices & offerings
- 7 days comes & are almost gone – Israelites outnumbered 6-1;
 - People are deathly afraid, deserting, hiding in caves, & empty cisterns
 - Saul decides the current circumstances demand action – makes sacrifices
 - “couldn’t wait any longer” – even though God/Samuel told him to wait

SLIDES 10-13 – 1SAMUEL 13:11-14

- Plus, in the battle, *God fought* on behalf of Israel – great victory

SLIDE 14 – THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT WAITING – *DISOBEDIENCE

- Because he disobeyed the commandment of the Lord, kingdom won’t continue
- Doesn’t happen immediately – but God’s already chosen a successor
 - A “man after God’s own heart” – pursuing God, His ways, commands; someone who is correctable/repentant/humble/devoted

SLIDE 15 – DAVID

- **1Sam 16** – Samuel anoints David to be next king (promise = God will do it)
 - David recognizes significance of anointing on himself... & on Saul
 - God/Samuel anointed Saul, **GOD** will have to remove him/elevate David
- Saul tormented by evil spirit; hires well-known guitarist to play for him (David)
 - Saul gets relief when David plays – power of worship & the Name
- David fights Goliath – b/c Saul is hiding in his tent (Saul thousands, David 10k)
- Obvious to all – Spirit of God is with David, stories of his anointing by Samuel?

- Saul jealous – trying to kill David; ends up marrying off Michal by accident; Jonathan & David soul friends – torture for Saul
- David – w/loyal friends & a band of renegades goes on the run for 7 years
 - Hiding out from Saul/his special forces hunting for David constantly
 - David knows Judean countryside lack back of his hand → every cave
 - One day, hiding & Saul/his men show up outside the cave
 - Saul enters cave to *relieve* Himself – TCB

SLIDES 16,17 – 1SAMUEL 24:4-7

SLIDE 18 – DAVID

- David reveals himself – (perilous) – Saul, what are you DOING?
 - I’m no threat to you – You’re the Lord’s anointed – if He wants you gone, He’ll do it, but as for me & my men, we will not be against you
 - Let God judge between you & me –
- Saul’s (temporary) contrition – v.20 – I know now you will be king, better man
 - Saul leaves; David stays on the run
- Shortly after, Saul resumes chasing David – **1Sam 26** – divine sleep, jar & spear
 - Abishai – God’s giving you a 2nd chance to deal w/this guy – let me do it
 - David insistent – he’s the Lord’s anointed – not ours to do; God’s to do
- David reveals himself again – more impassioned speech – never saw Saul again
- Saul killed in battle – David anointed king over Judah/not other 10 tribes
 - Waited another 7 years to be king over all Israel – wouldn’t even go after Saul’s descendants

SLIDE 19 – A TALE OF TWO KINGS

- Both supposed to wait for God to act – under terrible circumstances
 - Saul 7 days, David 15 YEARS
 - Testimonials – Wait *patiently* for the Lord & He will act

SLIDE 20 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- Embrace the process – the wait gives us chance to invest in our belief/faith in God... w/o seeing desired result first

SLIDE 21 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS

- Hillside APP – prayer requests – text to church phone or WEB@Hillside4.org
- Make sure “Notifications” are on for both “General” & “Prayer” notifications

SOME INSIGHTS ON WAITING

- Unoccupied time seems longer than occupied time

- People want to get started (exam room, menu 'while you wait')
 - ANXIETY makes waiting worse/seem longer
 - UNCERTAIN waits are longer than known/finite waits
 - UNEXPLAINED waits are longer than explained waits
 - UNFAIR waits are longer than equitable/fair waits – no cutting!
 - Waiting ALONE feels longer than waiting with others.
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- Doing what we know to do WHILE actively looking for/seeking out God
 - Think about how many instructions are given about seeking God
 - Waiting involves ACTIVE faith – expectant, eager, not in a hurry
 - No matter what our circumstances look like – wait... unless it's hard