



Waiting...

Some of us have more patience than others but none of us enjoy waiting.

Waiting is one of the most difficult forms of faith.

Waiting is most difficult when you don't know the why.

Stuck in the waiting room.

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

1 Samuel 16:13 NIV

"In our biblical texts being anointed means being given a job by God. It means employment. We're told, in effect, that there's a job to be done and that we're assigned to do it and that we can do it."

- Eugene Peterson (Leap Over A Wall)

Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

1 Samuel 16:14 NIV

Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you.

1 Samuel 16:15 NIV

Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

1 Samuel 16:16 NIV

So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

1 Samuel 16:17 NIV

One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and...

1 Samuel 16:18 NIV

a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

1 Samuel 16:18 NIV

Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

1 Samuel 16:19 NIV

So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

1 Samuel 16:20 NIV

David didn't view waiting as an obstacle but as an opportunity.

Being chosen for a purpose doesn't exempt you from the process.

David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.

1 Samuel 16:21 NIV

Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."

1 Samuel 16:22 NIV

Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

1 Samuel 16:23 NIV

The waiting room is where God prepares you for what He has prepared for you.

Be patient in the process.

A blessing given at the wrong time is just a burden.

Embrace the process.