



# Philadelphia Church

TRUST THE PROCESS

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## 2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart.  
Though outwardly we are wasting  
away, yet inwardly we are being  
renewed day by day.



# Synonyms



Impatient - irritated, annoyed, testy, tetchy, crabby, disgruntled, grumpy, abrupt, curt, brusque, splenetic, cantankerous.

# Question



What is something God has put on your heart that you are still waiting for?



## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own  
understanding; in all your ways  
submit to him, and he will make  
your paths straight.

Thought

Waiting for answers from God  
should not cause us to question  
God or His character.





What God is doing when we are waiting

- ▶ God is preparing us
- ▶ God is teaching us
- ▶ God is growing us
- ▶ God is increasing our capabilities

A photograph of a staircase with a motivational message written on the steps. The text is written in white and yellow chalk. The words "FIRST STEP" are written in yellow on the sixth step from the top, while the rest of the text is in white. The staircase is made of light-colored wood or stone. A metal railing is visible on the left side.

You don't have  
to see the  
whole staircase,  
just take the  
**FIRST STEP**



1 Samuel 15:35

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.





## 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'



## 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me."



## 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him."



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The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."



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Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in.



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He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." 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. Samuel then went to Ramah.

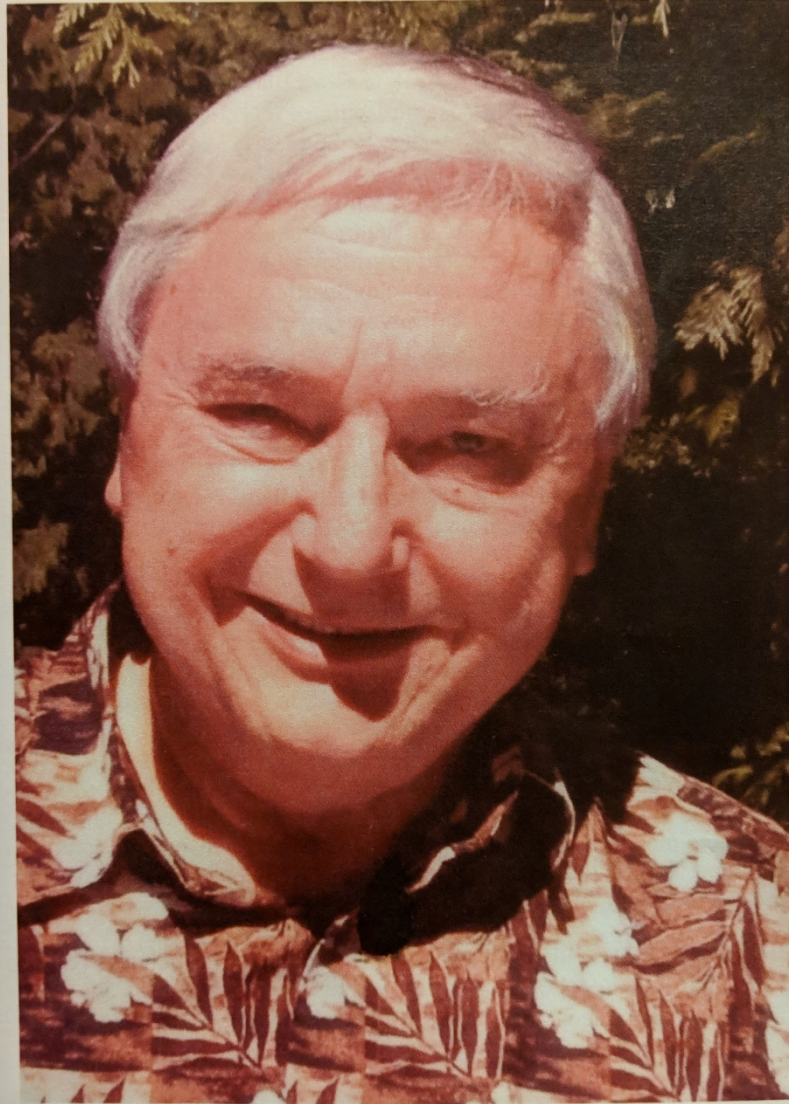


# 1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



*In Loving Memory*



*Ronald Everett Mason*

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Always remember that life is attached to the pain, which is attached to the lesson, which is attached to the wisdom, which is attached to the growth, which is attached to the **BREAKTHROUGH**. [#HusbandRules](#)  
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## 2 Peter 1:5-11

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.



## 2 Peter 1:5-11

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.



## 2 Peter 1:5-11

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# 3 good questions to ask ourselves

- ▶ What can I do for the kingdom of God?
- ▶ How can I grow so that I can be more effective?
- ▶ Am I doing this for me or for God and others?

# Question

Is it really faith if we step out then quit when God doesn't "show up" when we want Him to?



## Matthew 25:21

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under  
God's mighty hand, that he may lift  
you up in due time.



## Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil[a] spirit from the Lord tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre.



## 1 Samuel 16:14-23

He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." 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 a warrior.



## 1 Samuel 16:14-23

He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him." Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 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. David came to Saul and entered his service.



## 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." 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 17: 32-37

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."



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# Truths

- ▶ God always makes the preparation before we are given the opportunity.
- ▶ It's easy to let disappointment overshadow God's appointment.
- ▶ If we desire to do meaningful things in the kingdom of God then we need to embrace meaningful preparation.



Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace  
those whose minds are steadfast,  
because they trust in you.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.