

Church.Life. Pt 2

Prayer

Waiting on God

We can talk about prayer, think nice thoughts about prayer and even extol the virtues of prayer, but it doesn't mean much until I actually start to pray!

The fight is not against flesh and blood

- Indifference and apathy
- Procrastination
- Distractions
- Laziness
- ... etc

Discipline

- Routine
- Rhythm
- Momentum
- Urgency

Psalms 62

1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

4 They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

12 and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Waiting on God

- Worship because we love Him. He is worthy.
- To hear Him
- To honour and acknowledge Him and His ways
- To anticipate His salvation
- As long as necessary
- Waiting infers faith and trust in God, confidence in God
- Knowing He will answer and deliver
- Lifestyle and a planned time

Psalm 27:14 *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Psalm 37:7 *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*

Psalm 37:9 *For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*

Psalm 38:15 *But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.*

Psalm 40:1 *I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

Psalm 69:3 *I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with awaiting for my God.*

Psalm 106:13 *But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.*

Psalm 130:6 *My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.*

Isaiah 40:28-31 *28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 64:4 *From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.*

Lamentations 3:25-26 *25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. 26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

Becoming more like Jesus

Psalm 17:15 *As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.*