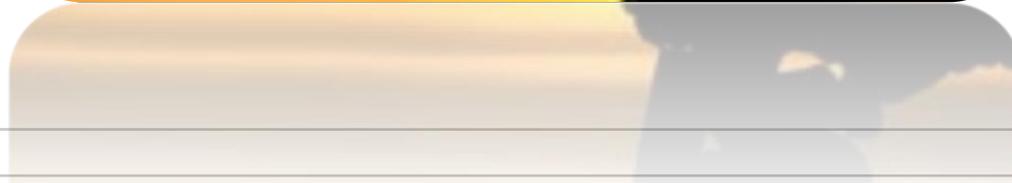




“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Waiting on the Lord



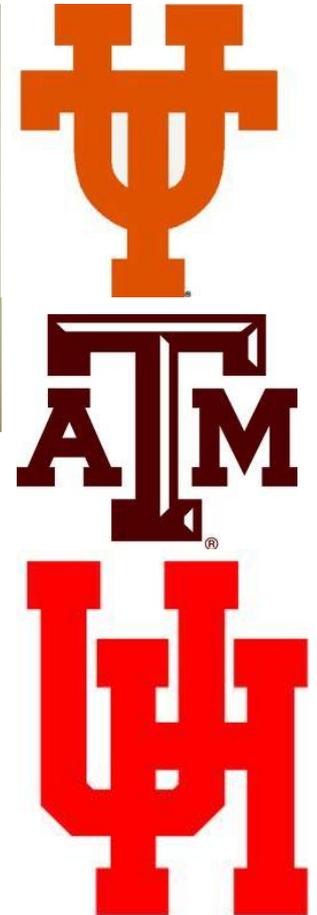
Waiting on the Lord requires the passage of time

- “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.”
(Ps 130:5-6)



Waiting implies a confident expectation

- Waiting on the Lord involves the passing of time and hope in His ability and divine providence



Waiting involves Activity and Passivity¹

- **Activity**

- Seeking the Lord

- “The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” (Lam. 3:25-26)

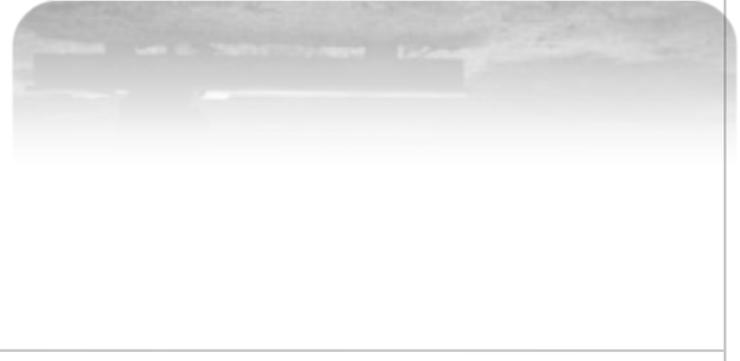
- “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (Jn. 16:24)



Waiting involves Activity and Passivity²

- **Passivity**

- Finding rest in God's timing
 - "The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season." (Ps 145:15)
 - *"For the eyes of everyone wait upon You, for You give them their food in due season. Deal with us according to Your goodness, O You who give food to all flesh."* (Liturgy of St. Basil)
- Being still
 - "Be still and know that I am God."
(Ps 45:10)



Why should I wait on the Lord?¹

- **Because of who He is**
 - “Are there any among the idols of the nations that can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are You not He, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait for You, since You have made all these.” (Jer 14:22)
 - “Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.” (Ps 62:1-2)



Why should I wait on the Lord?²

- **Because of our inadequacy**
 - “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.” (Prov 14:12)
 - “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.” (Jer 10:23)



Why should I wait on the Lord?³

- **Waiting grants us sustenance**
 - “The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season.”
(Ps 145:14-15)



Why should I wait on the Lord?⁴

- **Lifts us from despair to praise God**
 - “I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord.” (Ps 40: 1-3)



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