

West Shore Free

Sermon Notes

How to Wait Well: Saying No to Shortcuts

11.29.15

**Questions for Discussion/Reflection:**

1. As you look at the stories of Saul and David, what contrasts do you see between them? What was each waiting on God to do?
2. What character traits and beliefs did each possess that led to their inability or ability to wait on God respectively?
3. What character traits do you possess that will enable you to wait on God? What character traits do you possess that will make it difficult for you to wait on God?
4. What is something for which you are waiting on God right now? What possible shortcuts exist to bringing this thing into reality?
5. What are the possible negative results of taking this shortcut? What will be the positive results of waiting for God to bring it about?
6. Typically we want the things we want for deeper reasons than the things themselves. What are the deeper desires that cause you to want the thing for which you are waiting? In order to wait well on God, you need to see how Jesus ultimately fulfills your deeper desire. Can you put into words how he does, or could, satisfy your deepest desire in this area?
7. What is something your life group can hold you accountable to do this week that will reinforce your ability to wait on God and say no to the tempting shortcuts in front of you?

**The Example of Saul (I Samuel 13:8-15)**

**The Example of David (I Samuel 24)**

**Jesus, Our True and Better King**