

# The Minefield



Under what circumstances are  
you most likely to have a  
difficult relationship with God?



**James 1: 14** Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their **own evil desire** and enticed.  
**15** Then, after desire has conceived, it **gives birth to sin**; and sin, when it is full-grown, **gives birth to death**.



**1 Samuel 13: 12** I thought, ‘**Now** the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord’s favor.’ So **I felt compelled** to offer the burnt offering.”

**13** “You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said.

**Revelation 6: 9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10 They called out in a loud voice, “**How long**, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to **wait a little longer...**





If Satan can make you  
impatient with God, **sin is**  
**close by.**



If Satan can get you to stop  
waiting on the Lord,

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You will have entered the  
minefield of sin.

**Psalm 37: 7** Be still before the Lord and **wait patiently for him**; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

We have to learn (get better  
at) to wait on the Lord.



Waiting on the Lord

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Psalm 27 - A Primer



Psalm 27: 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation

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whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked advance against me

to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes

who will stumble and fall.

# Waiting on the Lord

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**Means placing your trust in the  
Lord.**

Waiting on the Lord reminds us  
that we are **not God**.

**Psalm 27: 3** Though an army besiege me,  
**my heart will not fear;**  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.



**Psalm 27: 4** One thing I ask from the Lord,  
**this only do I seek:**  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and **to seek him in his temple.**

# Waiting on the Lord

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**Means living with a hopeful  
expectation.**

Waiting on the Lord is not only  
about what you're going to get

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but also about how you live your  
life.



**Romans 8: 23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly **as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship**, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. **Who hopes for what they already have?** **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, **we wait for it patiently.**

**Psalm 27: 5** For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.  
6 Then my head will be exalted  
above the enemies who surround me;  
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.



**Psalm 27: 7** Hear my voice when I call, Lord;  
be merciful to me and answer me.

**8** My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

**Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

**9** Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
**you have been my helper.**

Do not reject me or forsake me,  
God my Savior.

**Psalm 27: 10** Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will receive me.

**11 Teach me your way, Lord;**  
lead me in a straight path  
because of my oppressors.

**12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,**  
for false witnesses rise up against me,  
spouting malicious accusations.

# Waiting on the Lord

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**Means being faithfully prepared.**

**40 Days/Years**

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**Noah, Moses, Israelites, Elijah,  
and Jesus**

**Matthew 25: 10** “But while they (the unprepared virgins) were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins **who were ready** went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.





When do I wait upon the Lord  
and when do I take matters  
into my own hand?



Wait upon the Lord...

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Concerning the fulfillment of  
God's promises. (Proverbs 25:22;  
Romans 12:19-21; Eph. 6:1)



Wait upon the Lord...

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When it concerns God's blessings.

**Jeremiah 29: 11** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

When you wait upon the Lord  
you do not **define the**  
**blessings.**



**1 Peter 4: 14** If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, **you are blessed**, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.



Wait upon the Lord...

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As you anticipate Christ's return.

**1 Thessalonians 4: 16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17 After that**, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.



**Psalm 27:** 13 I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart  
and wait for the Lord.

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