



# DAY 13

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## Learning to Wait

**C**an you think of a scenario, circumstance, or obstacle currently in your life that requires you to wait on God to correct? If your answer is yes, hopefully this short lesson will provide you with the endurance to stand strong until your change comes.

In the midst of trials and tribulations, learning to wait for God to move can be so very hard. We desire to have a quick fix right *now* to obtain goals, alleviate our current sufferings, remove our concerns, and overcome our trials. Many times the thought of not knowing how each scenario will end causes us anxiety and fear. But hear the Psalmist's (David's) words of hope during trying times and how they can encourage us to go on endlessly.

### *Observation:*

**Psalm 27:13-14:** -I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

### *Background:*

Some think David penned this psalm before his coming to the throne of Israel when he was in the midst of his troubles. Some think he wrote it upon occasion of the death of his parents. But the Jews think he penned it when he was old, upon occasion of the wonderful deliverance he had from the sword of the giant, when Abishai succored him (2 Samuel 21:16-17).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/](http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/)

### *Interpretation:*

#### **Faint:**

Used as a verb: *to lose consciousness, to weaken.*

Used as an adjective: *dim, unenthusiastic, done feebly and without conviction.*

Here we see that despite his many, many calamities, the Psalmist took comfort in the fact that there is nothing like the hope of eternal life, the fore-sights of that glory, and foretastes of God's pleasures in this life.

King David clearly communicates the fact that he would have long given up (physically, mentally, and spiritually passed out), if he had focused solely on the danger and calamities at hand within the confinements of his circumstances. However, in these two verses, his faith intersects with the current dangers in his life. Truly, listen to his prayer for divine help and guidance as he echoes the benefits of resting in the presence of the Lord!

### *Application:*

How do we wait?

- In fervent and continual prayer!
- In confident expectation!
- In praise of the truthful promises of God!
- In motion, continually sharing the Gospel of Christ Jesus!

**Psalm 1:3** - And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Be encouraged on this journey by anticipating God's move in your life!

*Personalize Today's Scripture Text:*

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