



## COURAGEOUS WAITING

Psalm 27:14

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord. — Psalm 27:14 (NAS)*

#### **Guardrails that Lead Us to the Heart of Christ in the Wait:**

- **Guardrail #1: Wait For The LORD**

**“Wait” = To look for, hope in, and expect in Christ**

- **Guardrail #2: Be Strong**

*Wait for the Lord; **BE STRONG** and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord. — Psalm 27:14 (NAS)*

**“Strong” = Is having the power to move heavy weights or to withstand great force or pressure**

*But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness . . .” For when I am weak, then I am strong. — 2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (ESV)*

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.  
— 2 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)*

#### **Kintsugi**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. — Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)*

*Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting.  
— Henri Nouwen*

*Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting.  
— Eugene Peterson*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)*

#### **Guardrail #3: Let Your Heart Take Courage**

- **“Courage” = is the mental or moral strength to not be deterred by danger or pain.**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. — Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV)*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. — Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV)*

*And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
— Philippians 1:6 (ESV)*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is one of the hardest things you have had to wait for?
- Biblical waiting is different than just waiting for a table to open up at a restaurant. What does it mean to “wait for the Lord?”
- Being strong in Christ is letting Him remove heavy weights while we wait. How does God use waiting to make us stronger in our walk with Christ?
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 – 10 and 2 Corinthians 4:7. How does God transform our pain into becoming a platform for His glory and our trials into part of our testimony?
- What was your biggest take away from the message this week?
- If courage is the mental or moral strength to not be deterred by danger or pain, what does courage look like in the Christian life?
- Read Deuteronomy 31:6. Why does this verse give us courage in the face of danger, trial, or waiting?
- Throughout Scripture we are commanded to wait for the return of Christ with expectation and vigilance. How does waiting for Christ’s return change the way we live now?
- Read Psalm 27:14. Try to memorize and say it to someone near you. What are you waiting on before God and how might God be shaping you in the wait?