**Wait on the Lord**

(Isa 40:27-41:1)

27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God”?

*I’m overlooked, my prayers aren’t answered, I haven’t received justice.*

28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

*God is always attentive. You lack understanding.*

29He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

*God is the source of strength.*

30Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,

*Your stamina is the weak link.*

31But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*If you’ll wait on the Lord, He will strengthen you.*

1“Keep silence before Me, O coastlands, and let the people renew their strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together for judgment.

*First, hold your requests, wait on Me, get strong.*

*Then once you’re come near (intimacy), maybe gained some understanding,*

 *let’s* ***partner*** *together to execute justice.*

Wait on the Lord = Braided Together: Active, not Passive (though it often takes time)

 1. Prayer/Worship (Intimacy) – Presence (Encounter ~ Acts 3:19)

 2. Context of Word (Understanding) – His Ways (Culture)

 3. Work (Justice) more effective from Intimacy (Partnership)

(Ac 13:2-3) 2As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

(Jn 15:5) 5“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

 This Principle is true Individually and Corporately.

Psalm 27

First Principles: (vs 1) Lord is Savior, Guide (Understanding), Strength

 context: (vs 2-3) no Fear in midst of enemies

First Priorities: (vs 4) Presence (Intimacy), Encounter (See, Hear)

Results: (vs 5-6) in the Secret Place of His Presence (Psa 31:20)

 hidden from trouble, solidly established, made joyful

Expectations: (vs7-10) Lord is Responsive when I Seek Your Face (Intimacy)

 (vs 11-13) Guidance, Goodness (Encouragement)

Final Word: (vs 14) Wait on the Lord for His Strength

Apply Hebraic understanding of “Wait on the Lord” to ...

(Ac 1:4-5) 4And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

120 Actively Waited on the Lord for 10 days

(Ac 1:13-15) 13And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. 15And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty),

but over 500 knew about the promise

(1Co 15:6) 6After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

80/20 Rule – Passive vs Active (76/24)

 experiencing results vs Partnering in Pentecost (ex: 90s Renewal)

Three Step Process (can’t just skip to step 3)

1. Intimacy: Wait on the Lord (Culture of Prayer & Worship)

2. Understanding: Context of His Word (Revelation)

3. Partnership: Work from His Strength (Power)