**“Waiting is the Hardest Part”**

**1 Samuel 24:1-7**

**I. Waiting: the Test of the Heart**

**A) Our Common Experience with Waiting**

**1)**Waiting is hard because it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2)**Waiting is hard because we don’t want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B) David’s Unique Situation Regarding Waiting**

Psalm 69:1-3

**C) One Shining moment**

**II. Waiting: The Hardest Part**

**A) Why wait on God?**

1) Develops faith & discernment

2) Maximizes glory to God, and benefit to you (and others!)

3) Special Assurances from God Along the Way … 1 Samuel 24:19-20

4) Dangers of not Waiting

1 Samuel 25:22 v. 1 Samuel 25:26, 32-33

**B) How do I know when to wait and when to act?**

1) Understand God’s ways/ know the word of God,

2) Be more influenced by honoring God than listening to others

3) Act in faith not out of expedience - maybe go forward, maybe wait, but waiting in faith

**C) How Do I Develop a Better Habit of Waiting/ What do I do While I Wait?**

1) Wait, but Do… Psalm 5:3

2) Enroll Others

3) Remember the Past, Surrender the Future

4)Trust God’s Sovereignty v. Resist Unbelief see 1 Samuel 26:8-11