

Stand Still and Wait

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To experience total victory and deliverance, we must learn to stand still and wait for God to act, trusting in His power and timing.

Scripture: Exodus 14:14, Joshua 3:8, Joshua 3:13, Psalm 37:7, Psalm 46:10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 30:21, Isaiah 40:31, Lamentations 3:25-26, Habakkuk 2:3

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of standing still and waiting for God's direction, as illustrated in Isaiah 30:21. He explains that God's voice often comes through Scripture, and before receiving guidance, we must cease our striving and trust in His timing. The sermon references the Israelites at the Jordan River, where God commanded them to stand still and wait for Him to part the waters, highlighting that obedience and faith are crucial for experiencing God's deliverance. Wilkerson encourages believers to resist the urge to act on their own and to trust in God's promises.

Transcript

God speaks to His people by the voice of His Spirit: "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:21).

The voice of His Spirit comes to us primarily through the Scriptures. He may open up a biblical passage that will be the key to our deliverance. But before we can hear His voice of direction, God requires something of us: We are to stand still and wait for Him to act.

This word is not a suggestion but a commandment. It is the secret to our total victory and deliverance. Indeed, the Lord commanded His people to stand still on many occasions.

In Joshua 3 we read of another crossing Israel had to make, at the Jordan River. God instructed the people: "When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan" (Joshua 3:8). Then the Lord added: "As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests . . . shall rest in the waters of Jordan . . . the waters of Jordan shall be cut off . . . and they shall stand upon an heap" (verse 13).

God was saying, "When you get to the water, plant your feet in it and just stand there. Be still, rest. Just wait for Me to act and I will part the waters for you!"

The Hebrew word for stand still in this passage means "stop all activity, cease all striving." Yet, how many Israelites obeyed when they came to the Jordan? As they stood with their feet in the water, many must have thought, "How do we know this is going to work?"

Some might have been tempted to build some sort of pontoon bridge and try to get across on their own ingenuity. But that would have been in vain.

God did act on that occasion -- He parted the waters. Israel's act of obedience was accompanied by faith -- and God answered their faith!

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