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W5 Brigade: Worshiping Warriors Who Will Wait

THE FINAL SIFT

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Brigade: Any body of persons organized for acting or marching together under authority; as, a fire brigade.

1. **Worshipping**: Focused 100% on Jesus getting what He wants
2. **Warriors**: Displacing the rule of Sin, SELF, and the Devil by believing God on every level
3. **Who**: increase my awareness of how BIG God is by BELIEVING and trusting God and thus, deepen my awareness of my identity in God
4. **Will:** "Nevertheless, not my will but Yours (Father God) be done..." Like Jesus, we are reverently submitting to God in all things and in every area of our life. This is humility.
5. **WAIT:** LOVE is patient. The fruit of humility and the Spirit is Patience. By the grace imparted to us as we seek to deepen our dependence on Jesus, we engage in the opposite Spirit of the spirit of the AGE, which is selfish ambition fueled by an "entitlement" mentality, and manifested to others through detached impatience.
    a. By “engaging in an opposite spirit,” when God seems completely “inactive” and “silent,” and nothing seems to be happening,
        i. we do not detach, but rather we choose to go deeper into worship and keep our focus from being diverted from #1: Worshipping Jesus.
        ii. We choose to actively engage in receiving, believing, and decreeing that what God has promised will come to pass.
        iii. We choose to believe-out-loud that God is who He says He is and that He is worthy of my all at all times.
        iv. Impatience manifests in many ways: business, distractions, etc. Basically, when push-comes-to-shove, by choosing impatience, we choose to go away from the Presence instead of into it because “going in to it” seems to involve personal sacrifice and moderate-to-heavy levels of emotional discomfort.

Scriptures:

Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (NIV) "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (NAS)

“Be Still” – Hebrew 7503, “raphah,” meaning: sink, relax. (*NAS Exhaustive Concordance*) abandon, alone, become helpless, become, cease, collapses, courage, discouraged, discouraging, drawn, dropped, fail, fall limp, feeble, forsake, hang limp, lazy, leave, let, let her/him alone, let him go, let it go, let me alone, let us alone, let go, limp, loosens, lose courage, lost, put off, relax, slack, subsided, wait (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*) abate, cease, consume, draw toward evening, fail, be faint, be wax feeble, forsake, A primitive root; to slacken (in many applications, literal or figurative) -- abate, cease, consume, draw (toward evening), fail, (be) faint, be (wax) feeble, forsake, idle, leave, let alone (go, down), (be) slack, stay, be still, be slothful, (be) weak(-en).

Exodus 23:25 “Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you…” (NIV)

Psalm 96:10 “Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.”

Deuteronomy 5:7 "You must not have any other god but me…vs 9a... You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods…”

Psalm 27:14 “Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.”

Psalm 130:5 “I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope.”

Psalm 105:17-19 “…and he sent a man before them—Joseph, sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, till what he foretold came to passé, till the word of the LORD proved him true.”

Micah 7:7 “But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior, my God will hear me.”

Habakkuk 2:3 “For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."

I Thessalonians 1:10 “…to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

Acts 1:4 “On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.”

Romans 8:25 “But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” (NIV) “But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.” (NAS)

Psalm 37:9 “For evildoers will be cut off, But those who **wait** (Hebrew: Qavah) for the LORD, they will inherit the land.” (Qavah: gather together, look, patiently, tarry, wait for, on, upon)

I Corinthians 13:4 “LOVE is Patient…” 3114 */makrothyméō* ("showing divinely-directed patience") is "longsuffering" because it only expresses anger *as the Lord directs* (i.e. is the opposite of being "quick-tempered").

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness…”

THE FINAL SIFT—LOVE IS PATIENT.

- Patience IS the shortcut to knowing God and there is NO SHORTCUT to learning Patience.
- The fruit of a godly character will display Patience. Patience means that we stay engaged with God and with the Body of Jesus Christ.
- Patience forbears, forgives, endures, is steadfast, stays connected, engages with others, does not pick up or bear grudges and detach from others, is persevering.