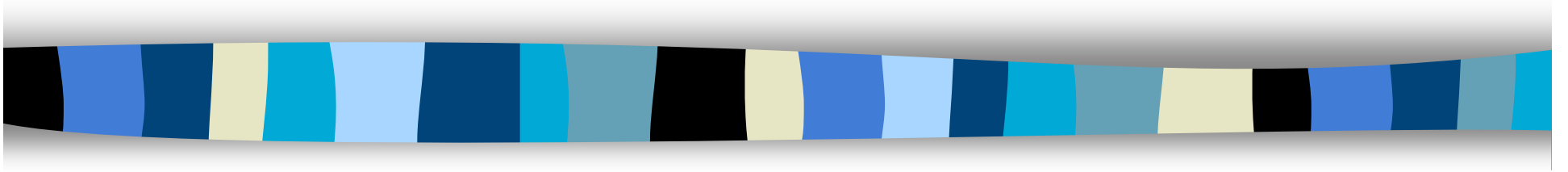


Seeking God's Best



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Philippians 1:6

- For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.



1a) Wait for God, Allow for silence

- Do you trust in God's promises?
- What is the attitude of your heart?
- Is it time for you to know God's will?



1 Corinthians 10:13

- God keeps his promise, and He will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, He will give you the strength to endure it and so provide you with a way out.



Matthew 6:25-34

- Don't worry
- God will provide
- Seek **first** His kingdom and His righteousness

Hebrews 12:7-11

- God disciplines us as our Father because He loves us
- Janowyn the firecracker





John 10:10

- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



Psalm 139:23-24

- Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.



Ecclesiastes 4:6

- Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.



Jl Packer, *Knowing God*

- ...it is not (God's) way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.



Rainer Maria Rilke

- ...have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart. Try to love the questions themselves...do not now look for the answers. They cannot now be given to you because you could not live them...at present you need to live the question. Perhaps you will gradually, without noticing it, find yourself experiencing the answer, some distant day.



Jeremiah 29:11

- “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



Psalm 27:13-14

- I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. **Wait** for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.



1 Peter 5:10

- And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.



1b) Take a Sabbath, Live with margins

- Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:8, 13-15
 - *Remember* the Sabbath
 - You shall not murder
 - You shall not commit adultery
 - You shall not steal



2) Date a Christian

- 2 Corinthians 6:14

- Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-12



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



Summary

- Allow for silence
- Take a Sabbath
- Date a Christian



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Romans 8:31-32

- What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?



Discussion Questions

- In what area of your life do you need or want God's guidance? How would you describe your faith and attitude toward God?
- How might you change your actions or thoughts to be more in align with trusting in God's best and seeking God's best?
- Do you 'live with margins'? Is there space in your life for God to speak and be present to you?
- Have you ever taken a Sabbath? How did it go (or how is it going)?
- What is the central objective(s) in 'worldly' relationships? What do you think God's objective is for 'Gospel-centered' relationships?
- What issues might arise if you and your special friend (tee hee) don't wear or want to wear the same armor? How will you do in battle?
- What is God's best for you? Do you believe He will provide it?