

WAITING AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN EXODUS 24

Text:

Introduction:

Recount the story in Exodus 24

Everyone had left. Aarron, Hur, Nadab, Abihu, the seventy elders.

One of the hardest things for me to do is to wait. One of the hardest instructions that God gives us is to wait, just wait here.

(Isa 30:18) "And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him."

1. THE REQUIREMENT

A. Patience to stay.

B. Purpose to serve.

2. THE REASON

A. Purge them (Many disqualified themselves)

1. It was Joshua the succeeded Moses as the leader, fight the battles, divide up the land, who said choose you this day.

Why?

2. Because everyone else disqualified themselves.

B. Prove them (Joshua qualified himself)

1. He proved he could follow instructions.
2. He proved he could do what he was told even when it didn't make sense.
3. He proved that he could put the instructions of the leader the man of God ahead of his own reasoning.
4. He proved that he would sacrifice his own desires in order to accomplish what was necessary for the work of God.

3. REFLECTION (PRINCIPLES)

A. Position

1. In our day many think it is something to be someone big with a title.

(Mat 20:25-27) "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. {26} But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; {27} And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:"

Illustration:

B. Promotion

(1 Pet 5:6) "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

(Mat 23:12) "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

(1 Pet 5:5) "... for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

1. We need to stop looking for a promotion.
2. Our goal should never be to be promoted our goal should be to serve.
3. God does not promote all who serve, but He only promotes those who serve.

C. Privilege

1. Probably those men who left thought they were smarter than Joshua. Maybe they even laughed at him.
2. But it was the man who waited at the foot of the mountain, became the next leader.