

***I Will Build My Church***  
**PART 8: THE CHURCH & WAITING**  
*Acts 16:1-10; 24:22-27*

If the Lord makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord's people have always been a waiting people.

-Charles Spurgeon

**I. Waiting & Walking**

## II. Waiting & Working

### Into the Bible:

1. Sometimes God steps in and changes our plans for good reason, like with Jonah and Balaam in the Old Testament. But Paul and his companions were not being disobedient or choosing to do something wrong in our text in Acts. If we find ourselves in similar situation, what should we keep in mind as God seeks to redirect our path in life? (Isaiah 55:8-9, Proverbs 16:9, James 4:13-15, Proverbs 19:21 )

2. While we wait upon God's leading in the absence of any clear direction, it can be easy to question whether God actually has a plan for us. What do these verses have to say about our attitude in this situation? (1 Corinthians 1:1-2, Hebrews 10:23-25, Galatians 5:22-23, Philippians 1:6)

3. Waiting on God is not passive on our part; it is active. What should characterize our walk while we wait on God's timing and direction? (Micah 7:7, Romans 8:23, 1Corinthians 1:7, Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 30:18)

**For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about how and why we need to wait for God sometimes.