

Sermon Title: To Be or Not to Be: What a Stupid Question?

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**Background Scripture: Psalm 27:14 NKJV**

Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say on the Lord!

Jumpstart and Review:

*When reading this verse, many of us focus solely on the command of wait.

*In the middle of this verse there is a “BE” in the middle of two “WAIT”s”

*We have to “be” in the middle of waiting.

*We often dismiss it and assume that there is wiggle room from this directive.

*Observation #1 – There are a lot of thing that you can be while you wait, but the first on is “good”.

- Often time during our waiting we decide not to be of good.

- Are you made up of good? Or whenever someone talks to you, you are singing the woe is me, my life is so hard, and when is this going to be over song. That’s not good. That’s gloomy! Be of Good.

*Observation #2 – You must have Courage.

- Not just any type of courage. This is not liquid courage that some indulge in while they wait. This is mental or moral strength that will preserve you.

- We will sometimes be stubborn about other things, let’s be stubborn in our persistence.

- People need you to be the example that will show them the way

*Observation #3 – God strengthens.

- In the text after the command of “Be”; something happens.... God Strengthens.

- Be and then He.... All we have to do is “be of good courage”.

- It’s my responsibility to have a posture of pleasantness and resilience.

*Observation #4 – You can’t BE what you don’t know

- Deuteronomy 31:6

- Ephesians 6:10

- Joshua 1:9

- Romans 12:2

QFC (Questions For Consideration)

1. Have you ever been challenged to the point that it tested your tenacity? If so please explain.

2. Why do you think believers struggle so much with being courageous?

Reflect-n-Recap

- 1. This week's lesson was ...*
- 2. The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
- 3. Comments / Testimonial / Question*