

“What Are We Waiting For?”
May 16th, 2010

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- Jeremiah 8: 20

What are you waiting for?

Why We Wait:

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How Do We Move Forward:

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- 1 Samuel 14: 1 - 14

Become _____ with your current status

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- 1 Samuel 14: 6

Create a _____

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Make the _____

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Lean into _____

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- Ephesians 6:10

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Why We Wait:

Fear

Comfortable

Unclear

Past Hurts

Don't know how to grow

Afraid to ask for help

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Become Dissatisfied with your current status

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Create a Plan

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Count the Cost

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Create Accountability

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