Title: **“Do You Know the LORD?” and “Are You ‘Waiting’ on Him?”**

Scripture Text: Isaiah 40:27-31

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-31

What does the phrase “wait on the LORD” from Isaiah 40:31 mean?

Is the word “wait” in Isaiah 40:31 suggesting an action or inaction?

In the verses [passages] listed below check out the choices or actions involved with “waiting on the LORD” and also the corresponding consequences to those who “wait on the LORD” in contrast with those who don’t.

Psalm 25:3, 5, 21 [1-15, 20-22]

Psalm 27:13-14

Psalm 37:7, 9, 34, 39-40 [1-11]

Psalm 40:1-3

Isaiah 25:8-9

Lamentations 3:25-26 [21-26] *Note in verse 26 wait means to be quiet and wait, however in verse 25 wait has the same meaning as in Isaiah 40:31*

The New Testament is written in Greek but the same concept of “waiting” can be seen and taught in the following passages:

Romans 8:25 [23-25]

2 Corinthians 5:17 [14-17]

Galatians 2:20

Colossians 2:6-8

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

Hebrews 12:1-3

**APPLICATION**: How are you “waiting” on the LORD? What impact is “waiting” on the LORD or not doing so having on your life and relationships?

**Isaiah 40:6-8, 13-14, 18-31**

6 A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has informed Him?

14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding?

18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, a goldsmith plates it with gold, and a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman to prepare an idol that will not totter.

21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

24 Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown, scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, but He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries them away like stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

29 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power.

30 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly,

31 Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. NASU