

scripture reading

Psalm 27:7 – 14



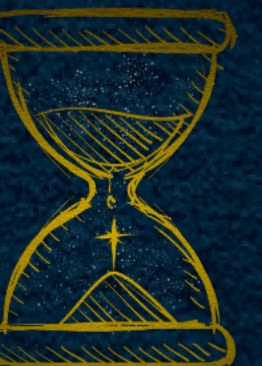
the wait

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the hope

Understanding Waiting

Being **stuck** isn't the
same thing as **waiting**



3 desperate options:

Wait

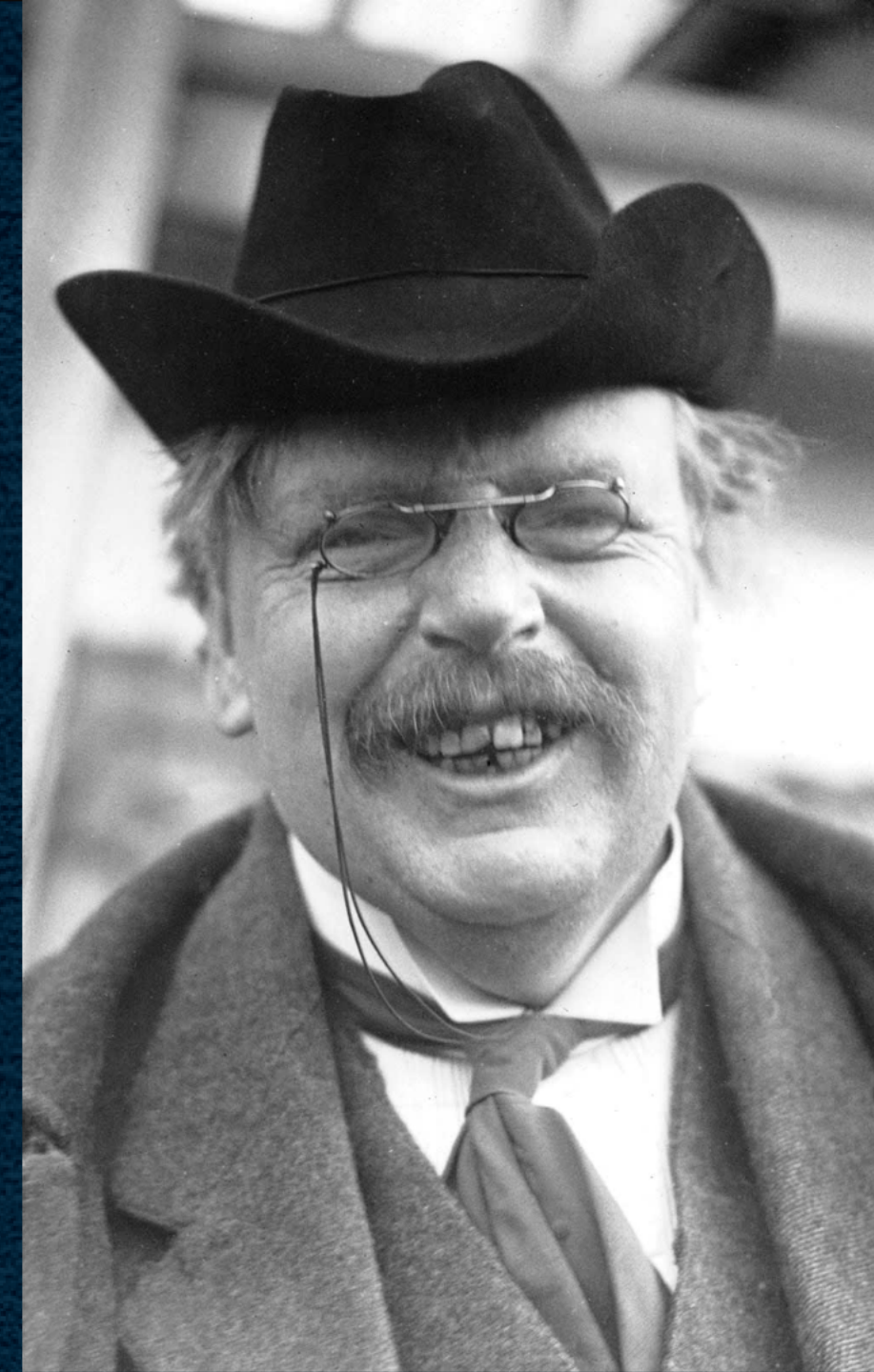
Faith

Stuck

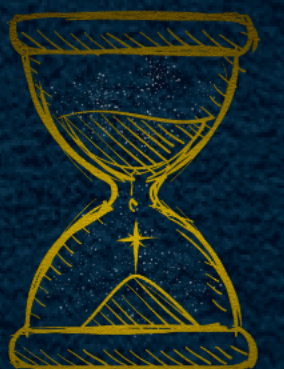
Faithlessness

Grasp

Wickedness



*"The
Drama
of
Doctrine"*



Stuck, grasping, and waiting...



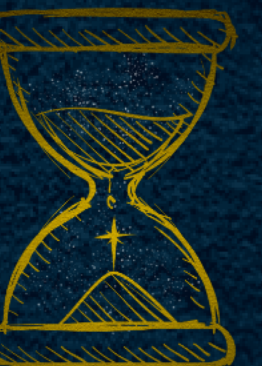
Jonah 4



2 Samuel 3

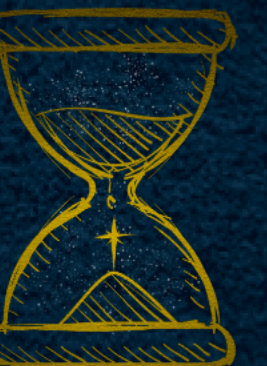
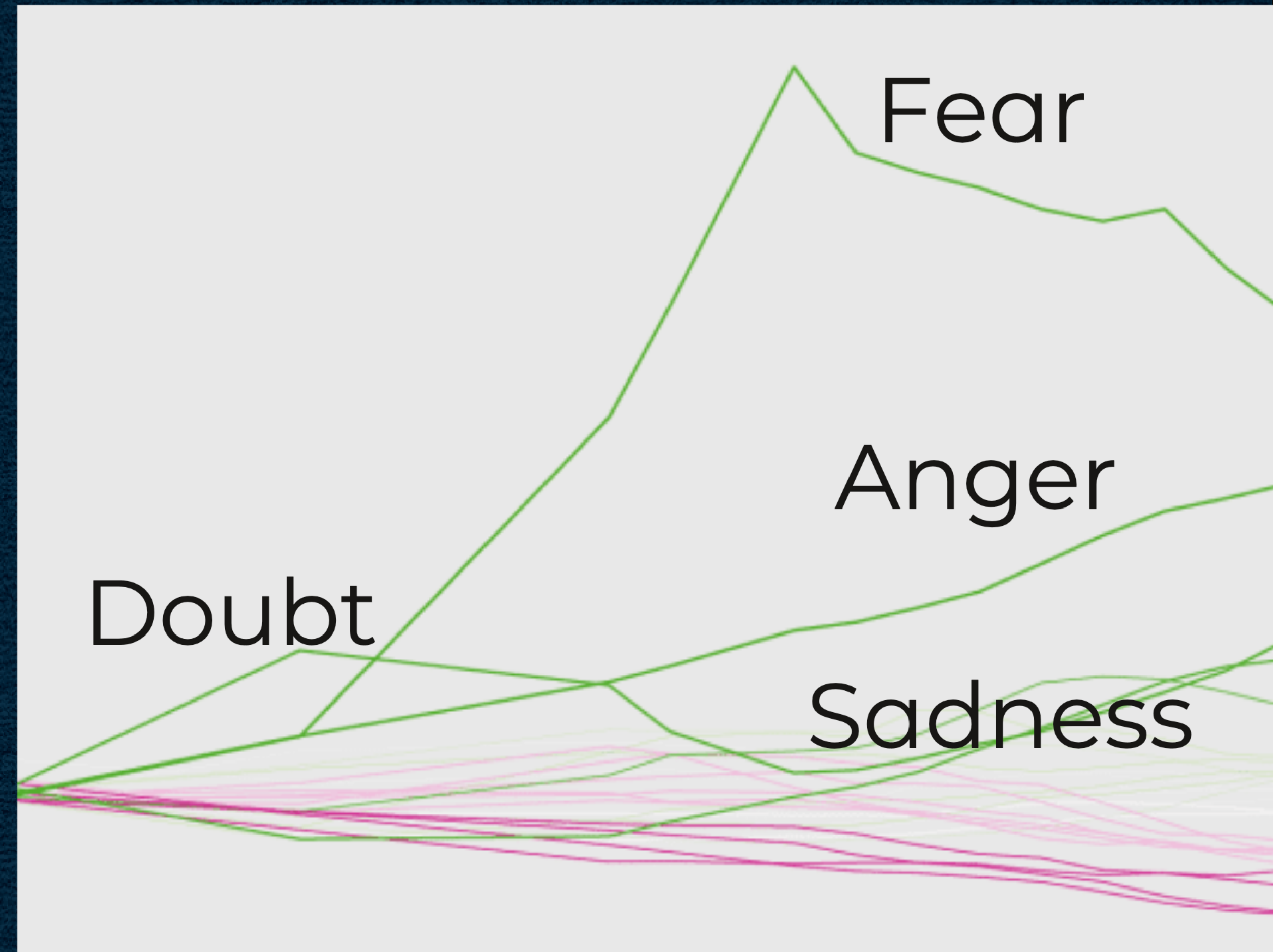


1 Samuel 24



Shared baseline...

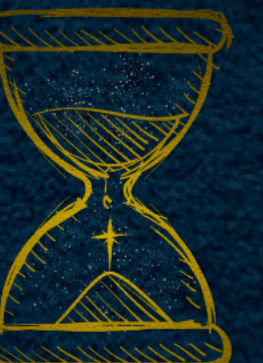
Intense
Emotion



Mentally choose a "situation"

Right now.
I'll wait.

- Temporal salvation—circumstancial, now
- Revelation—I just wish I knew
- Final Redemption—how long, oh Lord?



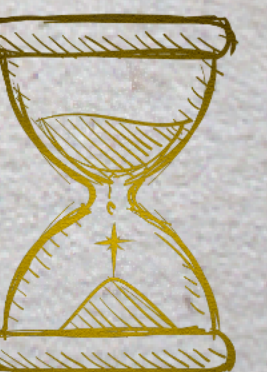
Waiting on God

means

Doing everything that's ours
to do

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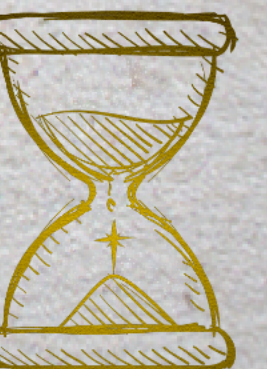
Nothing more



Waiting on God

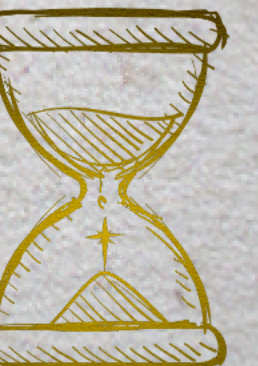
means

Doing good while trusting
God to work the good.



2 Parts

1. Not attempting God's providence
2. Doing what is our stewardship

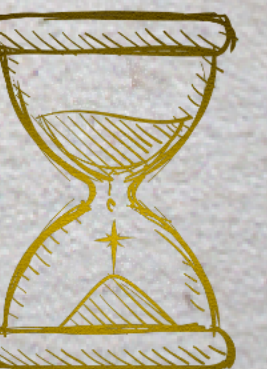


Waiting for God means...

Psalms 27, Romans 12, Hoseas 12:5ff

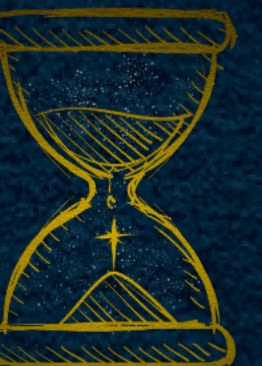
1. Not grasping at what is God's to do.

rejecting wickedness



Psalm 27:12 – 14

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for **false witnesses** rise up against me,
spouting **malicious accusations**. I remain
confident of this: I will see the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living. **Wait for the
LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for
the LORD.**



Romans 12:19

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but **leave room** for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

*Wait, hold back,
do not usurp his role.*



the Dilemma...

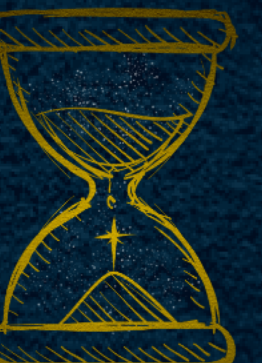
What do you do when...?

where I am

Gap

where I *need* to go

- Try another way Resourcefulness
- Grasp for a wicked way Rationalization
- Wait on the Lord for his way Faith



Exerting faith

- Fear
- Anger
- Doubt
- Discouragement



- **Stop**—don't decide by reacting
- **Trust**—there are things worse than death
- **Wait**—stop working and start praying

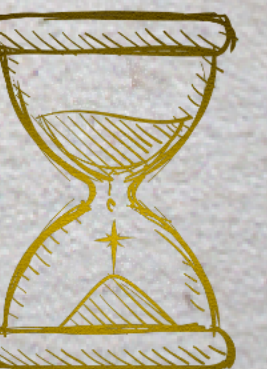


Waiting for God means...

Matt 24, 25, Ruth 3

2. Doing what is ours to do

rejecting cowardice



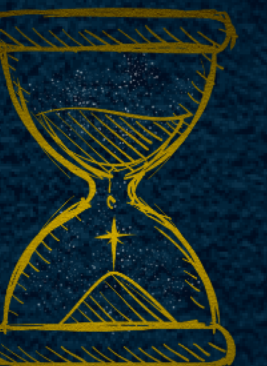
Waiting for God is ACTIVE

Matt 24:45 – 51, Luke 12 (faithful vs. wicked)

Matt 25:14ff

Ruth 3

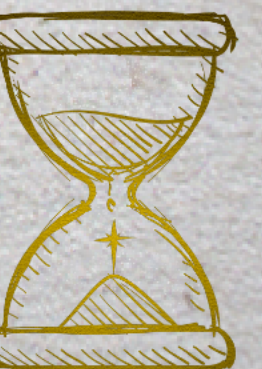
Ruth 3:18 ..."Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."



Provident faith

doing what is ours to do

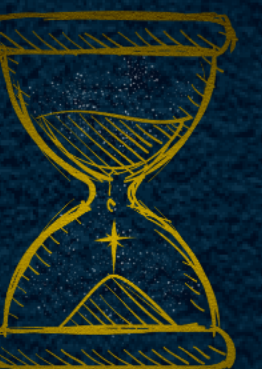
1. Exert Faith and Hope
2. Call on God
3. Stewardship—do yours
4. Godliness—do good
5. Exert Patience
6. Daring Creativity



God's creativity...

Isaiah 64:4 NIV

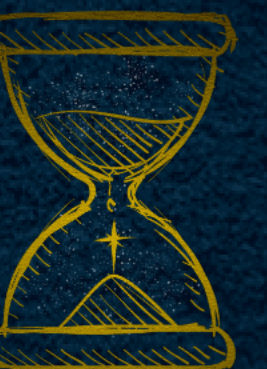
Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.



God's creativity...

1 Cor. 2:9 NIV

However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him...





the wait

AND

the hope