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Practice Guide

PRACTICE 1 - SABBATH

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PRACTICE 2 - WAITING

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- Psalm 62:1-2

The Biblical practice of waiting is one we find often in the Scriptures, particularly in the Psalms. Waiting on the Lord means learning to give our concerns over to Him, trusting in His work and His timing.

This week, we want to take intentional time (30-45 minutes) to spend waiting on the Lord, with Psalm 62 as our guide.

Here are the steps:

- 1. In silence and prayer, make a list of your current unaswered prayer requests. (Think things like: salvations, healing, relationships, suffering, and the like)
- 2. Read slowly through Psalm 62 one time.
- 3. Work back through Psalm 62 again, this time using the Psalmists phrases of waiting on the Lord to lift your unaswered requests to God. Hand over your concerns to the Lord, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust in His work and His timing.
- 4. Extra step share your prayers and concerns with a trusted friend, allow them to do the same, and pray for patience for each other.

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