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Rely On Me

What was in your mind? What were you thinking? Why would you do that? Why would I do what? Why would you rush off to fight your own battles? Why would you trust your own counsel? Why would you be guided by your own wisdom? Why would you rely on your own feeble strength? Those are all very good questions. I must say that I have asked myself some of those very same questions. **Why is that?** My own counsel, my own wisdom, and my own feeble strength have not served me well. Relying on myself has most often led to disastrous and depressing defeats. **Would you say that you are a quick learner on this subject?** That is a funny question. **Why is that? It was not meant to be funny.** Maybe, I should have said that it is an ironic question. That would have been more fitting. **Why is that?** Not only am I not a fast learner on this subject. It might be an exaggeration to say that I am any kind of learner on this subject. **Why is that?** Well, I certainly haven't conquered the inclination to rely on myself to rush off to fight my own battles. **That's not good.** No, I know that it is not good. **It is good that you are aware of the issue.** Yes, we can certainly agree on that.

I have a few questions for you. I'm listening. **Are you quicker than me? Are you wiser than me? Are you stronger than me? Can you accomplish what I cannot? Do you have some clever strategies that will secure victories that I cannot win?** I am certainly not quicker or stronger or wiser than you. I couldn't begin to accomplish what you can. You can win victories when victory is impossible to all, except to you. **Then why don't you wait for me to act? Then why don't you rely on me? Then why don't you put all your faith and hope and trust in me? There is no need for you to answer these questions. Just think deeply about them. I do have one question I do want you to answer.** What's that? **Why would I ask you to wait for me to act? I can certainly act faster than you can act. We both know that to be true.** You want me to rely on you. You want me to trust you. You want me to live in an intimate relationship with you. You want to do in and for and through me what I could never do by myself. You want to accomplish your purposes and plans in and through my life. You want me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. None of these things will be possible or every be accomplished by me relying on myself. **That is true. All of what you have said is true. Will you come to rely on me?** Yes Lord, I will come to rely on you. **That is very good. Now you are learning.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, oftentimes I have foolishly and pridefully rushed off to act on my own behalf. Those hasty and ill-conceived efforts have resulted in disaster. I will stop being self-reliant. I will put all my faith and hope and trust in you. I know that you will act on my behalf. Amen

Promises*Wait For Him*

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.

NIV

Isaiah 64:4

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From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

ESV

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NLT

Isaiah 64:4

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For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

NKJV

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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.

NRSV

Isaiah 64:4

Promises*Wait For Him*

Since before time began no one has ever imagined, No ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him.

MSG

Isaiah 64:4

Promises*Waits For Him*

For from of old no one has heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who works *and* shows Himself active on behalf of him who [earnestly] waits for Him.

AMP

Isaiah 64:4

Promises*Wait For Him*

For since the world began no one has seen or heard of such a God as ours, who works for those who wait for him!

TLB

Isaiah 64:4

Promises*Waits For Him*

For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

NASB

Isaiah 64:4

Promises*Who Trust You*

From long ago no one has ever heard of a God like you. No one has ever seen a God besides you, who helps the people who trust you.

NCV

Isaiah 64:4

Wait For Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Isaiah 64:4

In Context: *Read Isaiah 64*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it far better to wait for the Lord rather than to rush off to act on your own?

When have you chosen to act on your own rather than to wait for the Lord?

When have your plans ended in disaster when you acted on your own rather than waited for the Lord?

Why will your life be unfruitful as you act on your own rather than waited for the Lord?

How is acting on your own, rather than waiting for the Lord, rooted in foolish pride?

When has the Lord powerfully used you because you waited for Him?

When have battles been won because you waited for the Lord rather than acted on your own?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make it your regular pattern to wait for the Lord rather than to rush off to act on your own.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will act on your behalf as you wait for Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you wait for the Lord to act on your behalf.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you wait for the Lord so He can act on your behalf.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will wait for you so you can act on my behalf.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I wait for you to act on my behalf today?
