

Are we there yet?  
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**- 1Corinthians 9:24**

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.

100m sprint vs Marathon

Visiting the mall vs visiting Cape Town

Patience, Strategy and Endurance

## **- Patience:**

### **James 1:2-4**

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

When patience has been produced, use it.

## **- Strategy and planning:**

### **Matthew 25:3-4**

Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

This parable illustrates the role of the Holy Spirit  
Don't rely solely on that which is in your lamp

## **- Endurance:**

### **Isaiah 40:30-31**

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And  
the young men shall utterly fall, But those who  
wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They  
shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and  
not faint.

Endurance – Renewed strength, rest.

## **Rest in the Lord – 2 levels**

### **Hebrews 4:10**

For he who has entered His rest has himself  
also ceased from his works as God *did* from  
His.

- e- It wasn't just a break – He was finished.
- e- Jesus said 'it is finished' (John 19:30)
- e- Through faith we can enter into His rest – no  
more reconciliation required.

## **Times of refreshing**

### **Acts 3:19**

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

### **Mat 11:28-30**

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

## **Times of refreshing**

Jesus gives us a promise of rest, even though our race is not yet finished.

**All we need to do is wait on the Lord.**

### **Isaiah 40:31**

### **Psalms 37:7**

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

## **Waiting on the Lord...**

### **1 Samuel 13:8-11**

Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

## **Waiting on the Lord...**

### **1 Samuel 13:13**

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

Don't take upon yourself what the Lord has not commanded.

## **Defining responsibilities**

### **Galatians 6:9**

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

### **Mark 4:26**

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."