

**Life is Like a Roller Coaster**  
**Fastpass: How to Speed Up Your Wait**

**Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land... **Psalm 37:34 NLT**

**1. No wait, no power. Little wait, little power. Big wait, big power.**

A young Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye. I want to marry her. Get her for me.” His father and mother objected. “Isn’t there even one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry?” they asked. “Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?” But Samson told his father, “Get her for me! She looks good to me.” **Judges 14:2b-3 NLT**

Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else.” **Judges 16:17 NLT**

**2. Quit touching dead things.**

...a swarm of bees had made some honey in the carcass... [Samson] scooped some of the honey into his hands and ate it along the way...he didn’t tell [his parents] he had taken the honey from the carcass of the lion. **Judges 14:9 NLT**

“A priest must not ritually contaminate himself by touching the dead...” **Leviticus 21:1 MSG**

Delilah lulled Samson to sleep...then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him. So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. **Judges 16:19-21 NLT**

**3. Fastpass your wait by focusing on growth.**

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. **Luke 2:52 NLT**

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. **Colossians 1:11a NLT**

#### **4. Walking blind helps you see God!**

But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. **Isaiah 40:31a MSG**

Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me again...please strengthen me just one more time.” ...Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars that held up the temple. Pushing against them with both hands, he prayed, “Let me die with the Philistines.” And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people. So he killed more people when he died than he had during his entire lifetime. **Judges 16:28-30 NLT**

Message Notes: [The Holy Bible](#), New Living Translation, King James Version. The Message, by Eugene Peterson. [Grit](#), by Angela Duckworth. [The Obstacle is the Way](#), by Ryan Holiday.