

02-20-19 Wednesday Musing

Waiting.... Waiting... Waiting.... It's a hard thing to do gracefully sometimes. Yet, it's something we must do every day... and probably many times a day. We wait on the coffee pot to make our coffee... we wait on water to get hot coming out of the tap... we wait on the stoplight to change from red to green... we wait on the waitress to take our order... we wait in the check-out line at a department store... we wait "on hold" for customer service... we wait for the cold winter to phase into spring... we wait.... and wait... and wait...

In looking at statistical data... I found that on average... people live to 75 years of age... in this 75 years, 3 years are spent washing clothes... 115 days are spent laughing... 27 days are spent waiting for transport... 5 months are spent complaining... 26 years are spent sleeping... 4.4 years are spent eating... and 2.9 years or 1053 days are spent waiting....

Many times, in our lives we find ourselves waiting on the answer for a prayer... waiting on God to speak to us... waiting on God to show His will for the direction we should take or simply waiting for God to show up in our lives...

The Bible speaks on the subject of waiting... Psalms and Proverbs as well as other books of the Bible are filled with instruction concerning waiting... *Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" and Psalm 37:34 "Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off."... Lamentations 3:25 "The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."*

There is no "magic" answer to make waiting any easier... there is only our faith that God has all under His control. Take a deep breath.... Put your head down in prayer... and count your blessings. Giving praise to God for all that He has blessed us with thus far... and thank Him because we have faith in knowing that He will continue to bless us if we continue to walk in the way we are instructed in His Word.

Scripture tells of that if we wait on God's answer... His blessings will be abundant... Isaiah 40:31 (another of my life verses) tells us *"but they who wait for 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."*

Life is full of waiting... trials... and tribulation... sprinkled with laughter... joy... pain... and confusion... but as Scripture tells us... a joyful ending awaits us if we stay the course... James 1:12 *"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."*

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And as we put our head down in prayer this week please remember: Kathy Russell, Donna Freeman, Anna Gerow, Anne Marie Greer, Harvey Sharpe, Merle Sharpe, Nancy Thomas, Margaret Turner, Louise Walters, Family of Lee Whitfield - Son of Bobby and Mary Jo Whitfield, Family of Delores Johnson - Sister of Troy Johnson. and friends: Max Thaxton, Claire Spence.

Also please keep the church leadership in your prayers: the pastor, deacons, official board members as well as the members of the pastoral search committees.

On the church's activity front ... the Board of Deacons will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 26th in the conference room. The church's March Newsletter and Calendar will soon go out in email and by the US postal service. They are also posted on the church webpage at www.firstchristianuss.org

The Scripture readings for this Sunday will be from James 2:1-12 and Luke 6:37-42.

Peace from the Father through the Son,

Joan ☺

