

Lamentations 3:25-26 (NIV)

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

What day is it? What's the time? That is a question we're all asking in our house at the moment. All days are merging into one and we don't know where we are. It almost feels like life is at a bit of a standstill and time has stopped! But we all know that time never stands still and many of you will have heard the old saying... 'Time and tide wait for no man'. In modern understanding the word tide (in this saying) is taken to refer to the rising and falling of the ocean. Some things are inevitable; like the tide coming in and going out each day or the rising and the setting of the sun. Emphasizing that we have no control over these things, they are beyond human strength.

There are many things in life that are not how we would choose them to be and we don't have the answers or the power to change them. Time is so precious worth much more than all the riches in the world and we are blessed to have so much of it right now, but how we spend our time can make such a difference.

I don't know about you, but I've had some horrible experiences in waiting rooms. I've sat there filling myself with dread as I've heard the dentist drill in the distance or the scream of a patient before me being examined. I've sweat with anxiety and by the time it's my turn my blood pressure is in a bit of a state. Then afterwards I've wondered what on earth I'd worried about. Over the years I have learned that this worry is a waste of time and I sit there much more relaxed nowadays giving it all to God. I've also happy memories of waiting too when I was pregnant, I was so excited to have a baby, and I also remember as a child planting seeds and checking them every few hours in excitement to see if they had grown.

The bible is full of examples of those who waited. Noah waited and trusted, but also took action to prepare the ark. Moses waited on deliverance, and then waited in the desert. Rebekah, Sarah and Hannah all waited on the Lord to come to fruition and provide a promised child. We can truly see through these examples that regardless of what else we do; we can rest in God's goodness and wait upon Him. When we do so, our patience will be rewarded through His promises. God is committed to re-shaping our destiny and giving us a tomorrow. Our God is more than able to do what He has promised all we need to do is wait and trust in him.

As we all stay at home patiently waiting for the time when we can worship together, go on meals out or take a holiday. Let's remember that God is always waiting for us. He was waiting for us yesterday, He's here today and He'll be there tomorrow. Isn't it great to know we are never alone; God is always there in every situation day and night and He loves us to spend time with him. Just as our creaky bones, muscles and joints become stronger by exercising so does our faith, so let's exercise in God as we wait patiently and see what wonderful things are going to be waiting for us at the end of this pandemic.

Father God help us to remember that You know more than we do, and that Your plans are better than ours. Help us to spend our time wisely waiting patiently with you.

Amen

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