

Wednesday - March 24

We wait for the LORD; he is our help and shield. For our hearts rejoice in him because we trust in his holy name. May your faithful love rest on us, LORD, for we put our hope in you.

Psalms 33:20-22 (CSB)

I love the Psalms, then again, I am a poetry, and song lyric person. I find words to be beyond profound. I love to listen to the rhyming, the cadence and then to analyze the meaning of how and why the words are put together. Many people find Psalms to be frustrating, but for me, they truly breathe life into my mind, soul, and body. Since the pandemic began, I read from the book of Psalms every day to refresh myself and to stay connected with the Lord. So, for me, when I think of “stories of renewal and hope” my mind always goes towards the Psalms because that is what this whole book does for me – I truly become renewed and feel hope after I read them.

This psalm convicts me on so many levels. I am not blessed to be a natural “waiter”. I am a person of action, I respond! So, all of this “waiting” with the pandemic challenges me, but I have realized the important of waiting. I think I have always had the wrong definition of what to wait means in my mind. I have looked at it as “doing nothing”, being lazy, or not wanting to get involved. People say, “I am going to wait” as a way of “getting out of things” and that annoys me. However, I have realized I have looked at waiting all wrong. I have not looked at it from a Biblical standpoint until now.

Waiting does not mean to sit idle, to not move or to be at a standstill. Waiting means to pause and allow the Lord to take control of the situation. And that was a life changing thought for me. My mind was blown beyond. To wait for the LORD means to refuse to push my agenda of what I want life to be over the LORD’s agenda. We wait for him to go in front of us... to prepare the way... to defend and protect us... to love us and in that waiting we need to rejoice in His glory because we trust Him. We trust his plan. We trust his sovereignty. And because we wait, we are able to put our hope in him.

I now find the times of waiting, to be life changing. I still struggle; however, I have chosen to dig deeper into God’s Word; to read, to listen, to stay connected to Him and I realize as I am waiting (not sitting idle) that God is working, and God is setting a path for me and my life. So, now in times of waiting, I am finding calmness, finding strength, I find myself rejoicing, and I find the love of the LORD surrounding me. This pandemic has truly taught me a wonderful and very much needed lesson in understanding and the important of waiting which has brought me personal renewal and hope beyond!

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Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to wait on you. Help us to allow you to go before us as our help and shield. Allow us to rejoice in our times of waiting to grow closer with you. Amen.