

Saturday 19th December

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Readings

Judges 13:2-7,24-25

Psalm 71

Luke 1:5-25

*You gently call me into your presence
guiding me by your Holy Spirit*

What an answer to prayer it was for Zechariah and Elizabeth. Childlessness was regarded as a disgrace in the Jewish culture at that time so their “fruitfulness” was focused on their spiritual lives by praying for and serving others with love.

Zechariah and Elizabeth waited and they waited. The waiting room is the place where time stands still. In the doctors, the dentist, the hospital waiting room it seems as though hours have passed then we view the clock and it is only ten minutes. When in a waiting room the world seems to come to halt—time slows almost to a stand still!

When the Bible extols us to “Wait upon the Lord”, we find it painfully difficult. We live in a world where waiting is a rare phenomena. Waiting in line, people cut in. Waiting on the phone with the same tedious tune being played causes our blood pressure to rise as well as our phone bills. Why wait when we can have it now? Credit, fast food....we want it now but sometimes we just can't have it now. Waiting is hard. The news for a test result, for health to improve, waiting for the other person, the weight to drop off or go up.

We have seen others impatient in waiting—for the printer to print and the internet page to upload. The quicker things happen the more impatient we get. I wonder if we have learned to be more patient this year as so many things have been taken out of our control.

When struggling with waiting may I encourage you to look at the life of Elizabeth and Zechariah, who encourage us to look to God and to remember that those who wait will mount up with wings like eagles. Dear friend, in your waiting may you know the God of hope.



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Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour
I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand.
Crafted into Your perfect plan.
You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit, teach me dear Lord.
To live all of my life through your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, Mould me, use me,
fill me I give my life to the Potter's hand
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand

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guiding me by your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life
through your eyes
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I know your drawing me to yourself lead me
Lord I pray

Prayer

I wait and look for you in my life.
I wait longing for the news I desperately want to hear.
I wait in desperation.
Help me to remember that "your grace is sufficient for me" that
all I cling to I can lay at your feet. So I lay it down, my tears, my
fears .. my all. **Amen**

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5g5qXLG7w4>

We remember all who wait.
For all whose waiting will bring joy.

For those whose waiting will
bring sorrow.

We pray that all will know God's
patience and love.



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