

## Why Is Waiting so Difficult?

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I wonder why waiting is so difficult?

I have never really been good at waiting. It started when I was young. At times like Christmas or before Birthdays, it became difficult to wait. I had such anticipation about the gifts and about the celebration it was hard to contain myself. The closer the days came to the big event, the more anticipation would build, the more difficult it would be.

One week ago today I found myself waiting, anxiously. My oldest daughter, Amanda, had gone to the hospital to deliver her second child, Summer Paige Ferris. The waiting was difficult, because there was work to be done and details to get taken care of, so we could head out of town and go see that baby. We were excited. We were nervous. It was hard to concentrate.

Do you ever find it difficult to wait? When anticipation builds, what do you do?

When the necessary work was done and errands had been finished, we got in the car and drove the nine hours to go see Amanda and her family. While we were driving Summer was born. Not only is she beautiful and healthy, but mom, dad and older daughter were also doing well. When we arrived into town, we immediately went to the hospital to hold Summer and give the love and support of family to her family.

As I held Summer in my arms that first day of her life, I kept thinking about how beautiful she was. I kept thinking about the love that so many had for her. I kept thinking about the joy and life she would bring to her family, both the immediate family and our extended family. Then I remembered some words from our scriptures. In Isaiah 66:10-14 we hear these words from God, *Rejoice! All you who love Jerusalem, be happy. Those of you who felt sad for Jerusalem should now feel happy with her. . . Like babies you will be nursed and held in my arms and bounced on my knees. I will comfort you as a mother comforts her child.*

Waiting is difficult. Life can be difficult. But God is good. God does love us.

If you find yourself anxiously waiting today, my hope and prayer is that you will experience the love of God surrounding you. If you find nervousness and anticipation building, may you be comforted by this image of a God who tenderly loves us and cares for us.

In the hope Jesus offers us,

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