

Waiting a Long Time
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How are you at waiting?

I am not always very good at waiting. When I want something done, I typically go for it and work at getting it done.

Waiting is what I find that I am doing a lot of lately. I am not very good at waiting.

The biggest thing I am waiting on is the legal system, as the process in the aftermath of Whitney's death and Isaac's incarceration for her death winds on. This process has been one of waiting. We are waiting for one report to finish. We are waiting for the next hearing, wondering if any movement toward a resolution is taking place.

While there is movement, it is slow. It is tiring. In fact, it is exhausting waiting for the movement to take place. And even though I know that movement is happening, it is exasperating to wait. In this process of waiting, hopes can be raised quickly, then dashed just as quickly. So we wait.

Just yesterday, the judge granted that the case be held over until the next term, while more work and study could be done. What that means is that the next hearing date will most likely be the first week in June. I had so hoped we could work toward some type of resolution at the hearing yesterday. So, we wait.

How are you at waiting?

Psalm 32, verse 7 is addressed to God by the Psalmist. I find the words helpful for me on this day. *"You are my hiding place. You protect me from my troubles and fill me with songs of salvation."*

These words remind me that God is the source of my hope. God is the one I can rely on and trust in. God is the one who can protect me from the worries, concerns and troubles that I carry. God is there for you and me to trust in, to hope in, to lean on. Are you willing to lean on God and God's love?

If, like me, you are not good at waiting, may we together learn to lean on the One who is there for us.

In the hope that Jesus offers us,
Rev. Scott Carlson

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