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## Waiting for God

Waiting can be difficult, very difficult.

*The Very Impatient Caterpillar* is a children's book about a caterpillar who learned he could become a butterfly. He wanted that, *now!* But we know that takes time. He repeatedly asks "Now what?" and "Am I a butterfly yet?" only to be told "Be patient!" Even after he metamorphosed and shouted "I'm a BUTTERFLY" he still was impatient.

Waiting can be difficult for all of us. Sometimes waiting for small things can frustrate us.

- waiting in a slow, long line at a store
- waiting at a long traffic light
- waiting for someone to finish talking
- waiting for someone to return our call, email or text

Then, of course, it can be difficult to wait for big, important things.

- waiting for a special relationship
- waiting for medical reports
- waiting for a relationship to be improved or restored
- waiting for an important dream to be realized

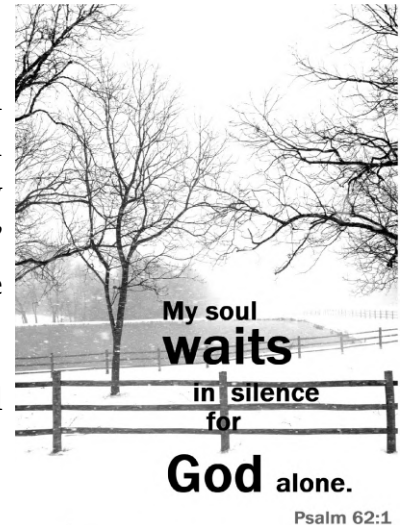
Waiting.

King David learned to wait, even when God did not seem to be answering or acting to do something. He opened Psalm 62 with

"My soul waits in silence for God alone; from Him comes my salvation."

A few verses later he clues us in on his situation.

"How long will you [his enemies] attack a man that you may murder him, all of you, like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence. They have planned only to thrust him down from his high position. They delight in falsehood. They bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse" (3-4).



God has not answered. God has not acted. But he waits in silence. One writer describes this as “stillness under stress.” The king truly waits, and waits only for God to answer, to deliver Him.

Why did he do that? How was he able to do it? He explains,

“from Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold”(1-2).

“my hope is from Him” (5).

“He alone is my rock and my salvation, my refuge” (6).

“My salvation and my glory rest on God; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God” (7).

“power belongs to God” (11).

“faithfulness is Yours, LORD, for you reward a person according to his work” (12).

We don’t know the specific time and circumstances King David faced when he wrote this. We know the threats and stress were real and intense, that his enemies were determined to destroy him. King David had learned from his triumphs and defeats, his celebrations and sorrows that first and finally he could, he would trust God.

But more than that, while in that intense stress he also reaches out to others, to us, in our painful times to instruct and encourage.

“Trust in Him at all times, you people. Pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us” (8).

Whatever you are facing today, however painful and stressful it is, however difficult it is to have hope, accept and walk with King David by truly waiting for God alone in each moment and step. Know that He is your rock, salvation, stronghold, refuge and hope and because of that you “will not be shaken” (6).

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