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Devotional Thoughts from Pastor Jim Murr...

"It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Lamentations 3: 26

Today's verse tells us it is good to wait. Have you ever been a fan of waiting for something? It's hard to wait. It's hard to wait for good things because we are excited and want the good thing to get here. It's also hard to wait during the hard times, because we would certainly prefer that the hard time would end as soon as possible.

When we're waiting for something, it's easy to start out waiting quietly. Picture this... you are waiting for someone to pick you up, you start off waiting with a smile on your face. You stand in the spot where you expect the person to show up. You stand there and wait, even if your hands are full. If they don't show up within a few minutes, you check your watch, and then wait a little longer. After a few more minutes pass, you set the things down that you were holding.

A few minutes later, you look for a place to sit down or a wall to lean against. Then you check your watch again. By now, you stand up again, and begin to look up and down the road to see if you can see them coming. After enough time has passed and your ride has not shown up, THIS is when you break your silence and start talking out loud. You say something like, "Where can they be?" or "What is going on?" After more time goes by, the things you are saying are not as polite. After a certain point, your aggravation turns into concern: "Something must have happened. They should have been here by now!"

Living a life of faith is essentially living a life of waiting for God. The verse above tells us that it is good to wait "quietly for the salvation of the Lord." The salvation of the Lord might refer to any kind of help we are waiting for – not just going to heaven when we die. By now, most of us are waiting for an end to the pandemic. People of faith are certainly trusting in God at least as much as they are putting their faith in the medical world.

To wait quietly is to wait with certainty! When we wait for God, we can be sure that He will come and do His thing. If He doesn't come right away, we don't need to become irritated as if we were waiting for a ride that isn't showing up. We can wait quietly because God always shows up even if it's not in the time frame that we would like. We can know for sure that He is "on His way." We don't need to start talking to ourselves out of frustration.

We can just know that God is on His way. He will arrive at exactly the time He intends to arrive. He doesn't forget about us. He doesn't get distracted or delayed. He doesn't change His mind.

When we know this about God, we can just wait quietly and peacefully because we know He will come when the time is right.

God's Peace!
Pastor Jim