

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**  
**Devotional Thoughts from Pastor Jim Murr...**

**"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"**

*Psalm 27:14*

At this point we are all becoming experts at "waiting"! We have been WAITING for a long time for life to get back to normal. We've been waiting for a vaccine to come out and that we can ALL receive so that this virus can go away. We've been waiting for the time when we can stop telling people to "back up" when they get too close to us. People who have been laid off from their jobs are waiting to be called back to work. Some people may not even be sure of what they are waiting for. But I think it is safe to say that we have become very accustomed to waiting.

The Psalm verse above encourages us to "wait for the Lord." That's different from waiting for anything else. Even as we wait for a vaccine to come out, there is still a question in the back of our minds (maybe in the front of our minds) that is wondering if the vaccine will be effective. People who have lost their jobs or their businesses are likely unsure if their livelihoods will return to what they were before the pandemic. No matter what we wait for in this life, there is always the lingering question that wonders if the thing I am waiting for will actually happen.

This is NOT the case when it comes to "waiting for the Lord." As the Psalm says, "let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." David, the writer of Psalm 27, has no doubt that waiting for God will never be a disappointment. God never disappoints those who put their trust in Him. Waiting for God is not like waiting for anything else. We wait for God, but we wait with certainty. In fact, we can wait with the joy and certainty that go along with the fulfillment of what we have been waiting for.

So, what are those who are "waiting for the Lord" actually waiting for? We are waiting for God to bring about His good and perfect will for our lives and even for this world. God is still and always reigning! He will act. Of that there is no question. God does not disappoint. And so we wait with a certainty that cannot be easily explained to those who don't know the greatness of God.

As the Bible says, "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

*Philemon 4:5-7*

God's Peace!  
Pastor Jim