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NEWSLETTER

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WAITING



“WE’LL SHIP IT TOMORROW” IS WHAT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE SAID. BUT IT’S BEEN TWO WEEKS AND YOUR ORDER HAS STILL NOT ARRIVED. NOW YOU’RE FRUSTRATED. “YOUR LAB RESULTS WILL BE IN YOUR INBOX IN A COUPLE OF DAYS,” IS WHAT THE NURSE SAID. BUT IT’S BEEN FIVE DAYS, AND NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR REPORT. NOW YOU’RE UPSET.

GOD’S PEOPLE ARE NOT ALWAYS GOOD AT WAITING. ABRAHAM DIDN’T WAIT FOR THE SON GOD PROMISED AND TOOK THINGS INTO HIS OWN HANDS BY HAVING A CHILD WITH HAGAR. (SEE GENESIS 16). KING SAUL GREW IMPATIENT WAITING FOR SAMUEL TO COME OFFER A SACRIFICE, SO SINFULLY DID IT HIMSELF. (NOTE 1 SAMUEL 13:8-9). I’M SURE OTHER BIBLICAL EXAMPLES ABOUND. WHO COMES TO YOUR MIND?

KEEP THIS IN MIND. THE LAST PHRASE OF ISAIAH 49:23 SAYS THAT “THOSE WHO HOPEFULLY WAIT FOR ME WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.” IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE WAIT FOR GOD WE WON’T BE DISAPPOINTED. PSALM 27:14 STATES “WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE; YES, WAIT FOR THE LORD.” ISN’T IT INTERESTING THAT THE VERSE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH A COMMAND TO WAIT? PROVERBS 20:22 REMINDS US “WAIT FOR THE LORD, AND HE WILL SAVE YOU.” WE’RE NOT FORSAKEN NOR FORGOTTEN, GOD’S GOT THIS. BE ENCOURAGED BY LAMENTATIONS 3:25 “THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM, TO THE PERSON WHO SEEKS HIM.” WHAT GOODNESS HAVE WE MISSED BY REFUSING TO WAIT?

A CONFIDENT ASSURANCE SURROUNDS THOSE WILLING TO WAIT ON GOD. MICAH PROCLAIMS “BUT AS FOR ME, I WILL WATCH EXPECTANTLY FOR THE LORD; I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION. MY GOD WILL HEAR ME.” (MICAH 7:7). WHEN THE PROPHET LOOKED AROUND HE SAW NOTHING BUT VIOLENCE, EVIL, MISTRUST AND DISRESPECT (SEE 7:1-6) BUT WHEN HE GOT HIS EYES ON GOD HE GAINED A GLORIOUS PERSPECTIVE.

STRENGTH COMES TO THOSE WHO WAIT. ISAIAH 40:31 FAMOUSLY PROMISES THAT “THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD WILL GAIN NEW STRENGTH; THEY WILL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GET TIRED, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BECOME WEARY.”

WHEN WE’RE IN GOD’S WAITING ROOM LET’S REST AND RECOUP WHILE BEING REASSURED THAT WE WON’T BE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHATEVER LIES AHEAD.

LOOKING UP!

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