



How long, Lord? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?
How long am I to feel anxious in my soul,
With grief in my heart all the day?
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 13:1-2

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:23

Dear Church,

Living in what has been dubbed the “Alexa Culture,” we have made listening to music, ordering a pizza, and even setting our alarm clock just a little bit easier and faster. The thing we need to remember is that while we may constantly be in a hurry, the Lord isn’t.

In the Psalm 13 passage above, we can see that David was anxious and concerned. Time probably seemed to have come to a standstill for him. Already anointed as the next king of Israel, one year after another passed as he waited to take the throne. Perhaps David was thinking that the Lord had either lost track of time or forgot that He had appointed Samuel to anoint David to succeed Saul as king.

At times I suppose we all struggle with the issue of impatience. Maybe that’s because we misunderstand patience. It must be rooted in the overarching confidence that Someone is in control of our universe, our world, and yes, even our very lives. We need to know that the Lord does indeed work things together for good for those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Patience is a virtue as Paul affirms in Galatians 5:23 in addressing the *fruit of the Spirit*. Patient people understand the shortness of time in this life as compared to the length of eternity. In essence, patience is ultimately faith in action. Most importantly for us as believers, it is one of the matchless characteristics of our Lord Jesus. If we would learn patience, it is He alone who can teach us.

David came to the realization that the Lord had not forgotten. The story of David teaches us that God doesn’t deal with time as we do. In fact, He exists outside of time and He sees everything from beginning to end and all that happens in between. The biblical record tells us that David eventually ascended to the throne, ending his period of waiting and trusting. While his ascension to the throne might have seemed long from a human perspective, like King David, we can trust that the Lord will answer our prayers according to His perfect timing. Imagine how disastrous it would be to have anything that the Lord doesn’t deem best for us or to have what is best for us before He timed it.

How long should you expect to wait until the Lord intervenes on your behalf? As long as He wills. In the meantime why not wait and trust Him? No matter how long it takes, His time is always the right time.

-Bruce

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Weekly Update May 21, 2022

Loving God

Learning Together

Leading Others to Christ

LifeGroups
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
Graduate Sunday

Pastor Josh will be preaching.

Prayer Ministry
Sunday afternoon at 5:00
in the Family Life Center

Saddlerock Farm Horse Camp VBS
July 25-29 from 5:30—8:30 p.m.

There are five churches participating and registration forms are available at each church. Participation will be limited to the first 60 to sign-up.

Questions? Call Emily Parker at 919.690.5610.

Scholarship Applications Due by June 1

Scholarships are available for our students who are graduating high school and planning on continuing their education at the college level as well as for our students continuing their college studies for the 2022-23 school year.

To start the process you will need to request and complete a Scholarship Application. Please contact Mrs. Betty Blue to make arrangements for obtaining an application. Betty can be reached at 252.492.0395.

Our “Make Waves” VBS is right around the corner, June 5-8 from 6 to 8:30 each night. Remember to pre-register your child or children if possible by going to www.myvbs.org/newsandycreek. There are also registration forms in the foyer of the Family Life Center.

We are also still in need of volunteers. We still need teachers and assistants for our pre-school and K-1st grades as well as a Crafts leader, help with our Wednesday night Beach Party and meals for two other nights.

If you would like to help, please see Jackie Ayscue.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

- Jackie

Pastors Tim and Josh and your deacons are available to help with any needs you might have.

On-call deacon for the next week is Sammy Franklin.

Sammy can be reached at 919-702-4966.

Pastor Tim can be reached at 252-432-6780.

Pastor Josh can be reached at 919-606-0537.