

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear family in Christ,

Waiting

Ps 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Most Americans are growing weary of waiting. Waiting, that is, for the virus to run its course. Waiting to get back to work, play, interaction with friends and family. Linda and I are certainly tired of waiting to get back to ministering to the incarcerated. Overwhelmingly, the word "wait" in the Old Testament lends itself to an illustration of an electrician binding two wires together by twisting action. Thus, two wires become one in effect, whereby the non-working wire becomes live by its connection to the live wire. That is the idea of "wait." By faith, the believer, totally powerless, binds himself by twisting unto His God.

In this case, however, the word "wait" is taken as its normal meaning of patiently being "on hold." We are waiting for our fishing holes to re-open so that we can practice our craft (Jesus has made us "fishers of men). There can be little doubt that God has allowed this virus to happen for reasons known only to Him. Now we set our eyes on God like the servant sets his eyes on his master; like the maiden sets her eyes upon her mistress. So we look for God's mercy. Let us continue to ask God for mercy from the devastating effects that this virus has wrought upon our country.

Linda and I have hope of a five-day revival meeting at Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala, FL, next month. We submitted our paperwork. The prison has not forbid us to come. Now we wait. Our eyes are on the warden; our eyes are on the LORD our God. We look for mercy. Please pray for us in this matter.

I would also ask you to pray for two of our Rock of Ages colleagues that we work with in Georgia. Richard P. and Howard S. both have struggled with cancer in days past. It now seems as though it may have surfaced again with them. Let us pray together that God will have mercy. Let us wait for it, and bless Him when it comes.

We continue to pray and praise God for your faithful, loving care toward us. We pray for you regularly. We praise God for you helping sustain us during thick and thin times. We wait for the day that we can find fruit that will abound to your account. Keep waiting!

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care,

Received \$125.00 for April. Thank you.

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