

Daily Devotion For December 20, 2022

Wait for the LORD; be strong and courageous. **Wait** for the LORD". Psalm 27:14

What's the longest you've had to **wait** for something? Sunday in my message I spoke of how the children of Israel **waited** 400 years for a word from God. The time between the Old Testament Book of Malachi until the writing of the New Testament was 400 years. 400 years was also the number of years the children of Israel **waited** in bondage until Moses led them out of Egypt into the Promised Land.

Most children anxiously **wait** for Christmas day to open up their presents. What is it that you are **waiting** for?

Waiting is still difficult. We expect everything to be at our fingertips the moment we have the desire for it. We live in a world of easy downloads, instantaneous email, on demand and food prepared in a few minutes. Yet God finds ways of making us **wait**. **Waiting** and faith go hand-in-hand.

Some are **waiting** for their prodigal child to come to the end of themselves and return home. Others are **waiting** to have medical test performed or **waiting** for the test results

Thought For Today: Advent is about faith and **waiting**. What are you **waiting** on God for this year? Remember the years of silence as God's people **waited** for the Messiah. Take time today to reflect on the fact that God's timing is quite different from ours. The story of Jesus' birth gives us assurance and joy because even though the **waiting** lingered for centuries, God broke through at just the right time. Take inventory of your relationship with God. Are you struggling with His silence?

Today's Prayer Focus: Received this information from Nancy Ichiuji about Laura Stephens, daughter of the Rev. Howard Toriumi who suffered a hemorrhagic stroke: You can mail cards to Laura at the following address:
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University of Utah Hospital
Neuro Acute Care Unit Room 3109
50 North Medical Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah 84132

Please keep the family in prayer. Deo Volente.