Dear Open Door Family,

Late last Saturday night I picked Carol up at the airport after a weeks visit with her sister. We were both tired and desperately wanted to get home so we could sleep and be up and ready to go early on Sunday. Then all of a sudden at 10:45 PM 435 Hwy became a parking lot instead of a highway. We were not moving. I don't know if you know this, but I hate to wait. I always look for the fastest lane on the highway or grocery store. Fortunately, when I'm rushing from here to there and trying desperately to do everything faster and faster God stops me. Sometimes it is to remind me that MY strength is NOT what matters. Occasionally it is to help me learn that MY timing is NOT what matters. One thing that I am learning to stop and remember is that God is Good All the Time, even or especially if I have to wait. Let's look at these verses together.

Psalms 27:13-14 *(HCS) I am certain that I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. [14] Wait for the Lord; be strong and courageous. Wait for the Lord.*

David is confident that he will see God's goodness. Because of that he says very clearly that there are two things that must be done. We must WAIT for the Lord and we must be COURAGEOUS. It must be that the WAITING is the harder of the two because David says it twice. Waiting does show that we are Dependent on the Lord. It means that we are looking to Him and Trusting Him to do what He has promised to do. But WAITING does more than that. When God makes you wait, He is "...giving you time to consider his glory and to grow stronger in faith. ...Waiting is not just about what you are hoping for at the end of the wait, but also about what you will become as you wait." (Tripp pg. 88)

PRAYER: Lord, I have never liked waiting. Please help me to see it differently. Help me to see it as another way that I can submit completely and totally to You. Please Lord, help me to be able to Trust You more. Help me to see Your goodness and to rejoice even when I have to wait.

Pastor Mark Kieft
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