

Newsletter

I have to admit, I am not the most patient of people and in a world when almost everything is available “real-time”, we are all probably getting worse at this rather than better. Our patience is tested practically every day...a queue for the checkouts in a supermarket; waiting for your call to be answered (because “your call is important to us!”); or trying to attract a waiter to pay your restaurant bill.

Waiting for things can be increasingly frustrating and the writer of proverbs summarises this well

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12)

In my current situation, I know that the Lord is helping me to put my faith and trust in Him and to be more patient while His plans unfold. Dealing with uncertainty is not easy. We like to have our future nicely laid out in front of us and to know what we are doing tomorrow, next week or next year. When things happen in life that you were not expecting, it disrupts our rhythm and can make us feel unbalanced.

Maybe it is something that, as the writer of proverbs stated, you are “longing” for? You will be praying about it daily and have asked your friends to pray about it as well. However, at this moment in time, it feels like your prayers are being unanswered.

Whatever your situation is, the amazing truth is that God is in control. This is not unexpected to Him and he has plans for you.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11

And these plans are not being adjusted on a minute by minute basis. As David writes:

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16

So, as I continue to pray into my current situation, I will pray for help with patience as well, in the knowledge that while I can't see the “big picture”, He can.

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