

From the Family Room

Creekwood Church of Christ
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No Hurry - No Worry

Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him ... Psalms 37:7

Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD. Psalms 27:14

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46:10

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

*Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. The grass is living today, but tomorrow it is thrown into the fire to be burned. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' All the people who don't know God keep trying to get these things. And your Father in heaven knows that you need them. **The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.** So don't worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Tomorrow will have its own worries.*
Matthew 6:26-34



"Wait" is a word that is not used very much in our lives these days. "Hurry" is a word that is much more in vogue. Satan really likes the word "hurry." Hurry takes us out of this moment and focuses on an uncertain future. If we were more aware of this moment, we would live calmer and more satisfied lives.

"Contentment" is a word many do not understand. "Worry" is well understood and integrated into the fabric of our lives. Worry is often associated with events of the past. Things that are gone and cannot be repaired or corrected. Worry also takes us out of this moment. It keeps us from enjoying the innocent laughter of a child, the wisdom of an elderly family member or friend, the simple beauty of God's creation.

Waiting on God takes faith in God. Hurrying and worrying takes away faith and puts the entire load on us. With the load comes a burden. The load pushes out contentment. The load blinds us to God's love, His power to bless us, and His desire to give us great things in life. The load keeps us from knowing God. When we do not know God, we do not love God. When we do not know God, we do not know true love in our lives.

I pray that we will all focus on God as our first priority this week. I pray we will wait on Him. I pray we will grow in our love for Him. Sincerely thank God for all of His blessing we enjoy. I pray we will appreciate the little things of beauty He has made for us. Slow down and tell somebody close to you how much you love them. Tell somebody here at church this morning how much you appreciate and love them. Replace Hurry and Worry with Faith and Contentment.

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