

## PRAYER BULLETIN #109, 15May2021

### WAIT

*"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope."*

*Psalm 130:5*

### REFLECTION

Many may not immediately associate "wait" with "activity" but with "not doing anything," "being idle" or even, "a moment of rest". But I like what Merriam-Webster Dictionary describes "wait": "to remain stationary in readiness or expectation" or "to stay in place in expectation of". There is actually an air of anticipatory activity, of looking out for something to happen, not knowing when, but knowing that it will happen.

I think of "wait" as a "waitstaff" – those waiters and waitresses in a restaurant. They stand at a corner, poised and observant of the guests seated at the tables. Although they look idle, a good waitstaff waits in anticipation of a signal from the guests: an order of food, a question on what is available on the menu, a request to clear the table or a call for the bill. A good waitstaff moves without waiting for that signal. In fact, he or she anticipates what the diner wants before being called. A good waitstaff listens attentively and records orders accurately. A good waitstaff explains what is on the menus patiently. All in all, a good waitstaff strives for an excellent dining experience for the guests.

Would we look to the "waitstaff" as the model to follow when we "wait for the LORD," observant, ever ready in anticipation to act on what God asks us to do? Our "wait" would involve our "whole being"- all our physical senses, our heart and our mind. How would we learn to adopt this posture of anticipation and readiness? The key is to be familiar with God's voice and word: His instruction, His orders and His promises, as recorded in the Bible.

Put our trust in His word. Act confidently on them. And place our hope on them for the days ahead. All for God's Glory.

### PRAYER

*Almighty God, my Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your love for me and the relationship I have with You as Your beloved. I now ask for opportunities and the discipline to read the Bible regularly, to be familiar with what You say, and to follow through what You say. In Jesus' Name, I pray, AMEN.*

### SUPPLICATION

- Thank God for sustaining you through these days of anxiety and uncertainties. These days may not be great as before, but let's thank God for directing our focus to the things that are real and meaningful: our health, time, relationships and friendships.
- Is there someone you know who has a physical limitation, a medical ailment or an emotional condition to manage? Pray for this person. But before you do, please try to contact this person to ask whether there are specific issues and areas to focus. If this person is also a Christian, encourage him or her to pray and "wait for the LORD" for those issues and areas, as you pray alongside. Then make it a point to keep in touch regularly for updates and outcomes.
- Do you have contacts in BRMC whom you can consider linking up? In these times that are largely characterized by isolation and solitude, it's time to take steps to build a network and to form communities to offer support and to pray for each other. This is essentially what the Small Group communities are for, besides meeting to be familiar with God and the Bible. Pray that God oversees and sustains the small groups in BRMC in what they do. And if you are not in a small group, consider joining one to be part of a community.
- It is disheartening to read of social upheavals and political unrest in other countries: Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, just to name a few. While the adverse impact of these situations may not affect us immediately, let's pray for the Christian churches and communities there. Pray that God will keep them safe. Pray that God will guide them in what needs to be done with the love of Christ and to do it with the confidence that He is still sovereign over all situations.

*"The essence of 'waiting'  
is about being in relationship with God."*

- Rev Canon Terry Wong

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