

Thought for a Wednesday

April 28, 2010

As I'm sitting in the waiting room of Upstate Neurology, my wife is sitting in a recliner chair with electrodes all over her head monitoring brain waves/functions (EEG) and I'm wondering, "Is she thinking about me...?"

We're really hoping that after this afternoon (another test) that we'll finally have some answers coming our way within the next week or two. For now, Karen has been feeling slightly better each day; she still has to be careful how much activity she does, but she's doing better – We attribute that to the prayers of many on her behalf and God's gracious love and mercy. And we are waiting on the Lord for His healing timeline and in His time, not our own.

Waiting... that got me thinking as I'm sitting here about the words of David in the Psalms...

"O LORD, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced. Save me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly. Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe. You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of your name, lead me out of this danger... But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands..." (Psalm 31:1-3, 14-15a)

"I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121)

We are reminded that as we wait, our times (our lives, our dreams, our hopes) are in His hands – It was those hands that hung the stars in the sky and spun the planets in their proper rotation. We are reminded that He alone is our refuge and protection, our strong wall and fortress – He is worthy of our trust and submission, our hope and obedience. These are things regrettably I sometimes forget and overlook, but God uses His Word to speak into our lives His truth, His love, His grace and His peace. We are reminded that God has been in control and has had His watchful eye on these recent events from the beginning and will continue to keep them on us through to its completion.

We may not see complete healing this side of eternity, I am hoping and trusting that we will, but even if not, we will wait patiently upon Him...

"Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust (wait upon) in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Oh, I just remembered something else as I was sit here – Karen celebrates her 35th birthday today – 35 years in Christ that is! I am thankful to God for His pursuing love. I am thankful to all of you who are praying for Karen and our family – Thank you, is not enough. And to my sweetie – Happy B-day!

Be strong... Be courageous... Be fearless...

Christ is All,
Pastor Mark