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I Waited Patiently

(Psalm 40:1)

It takes great faith to venture into the unknown, to tackle great assignments, to challenge a superior opposition. But it takes greater faith to hold steady, to wait patiently, and to keep one's inner peace of mind.

The experience of venturing, though hazardous, has obvious benefits. Something is happening; there is action; there is something to talk about; some are always ready to join the advancing army while others are ready to lend a helping hand or to give a shout of encouragement along the way. It is much easier to venture than to wait.

Abraham, for instance, was able to venture. He did this with apparent ease. But he could not wait for the promise of God concerning Isaac. He contrived to bring Ishmael into the world, an obvious departure from the Divine scheme.

The Psalmist, on the other hand, had learned to wait, and to wait patiently. "I waited patiently for the Lord" he said. We say "learned to wait," for this ability is an art, and not a gift alone; it is something that must be deliberately cultivated and practised.

I think most of us would like to be advancing, all the time. We like to see things get done; we like action; we enjoy the noise of battle; we revel in the sound of prancing feet; we are restless when the conflict ceases and the stillness of inactivity settles around us.

But here was the Psalmist's secret. It was only as he waited patiently that "The Lord inclined unto him and heard his cry." Elijah discovered the same secret, years later, that God was not to be found in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the "still small voice."

God give us faith to wait patiently; to still believe when miracles do not happen; to hold steady when we are in the fire and under fire; to refuse to charge God foolishly; to keep preaching the truth, and witnessing to it, whether men accept it or not; to hold our post until the Commander says, "Let's move ahead."

HELP THE NORTON CHURCH

Everyone, making even a small contribution, would turn tragedy into triumph for the good pastor and people of the Norton Church. Following the fire, which completely destroyed their church, an appeal went out from Lic. Kenneth Kierstead for assistance from all our denominational pastors and churches. At that moment, probably everyone reading Brother Kierstead's article decided to do something about it, but a month or so having passed it could be that we have over-looked the matter.

Plans call for the construction of a new church—a highly expensive and sacrificial venture for a few people. We must not allow these people to think that the rest of us do not care. Would it be out of reason to suggest that every church vote a gift of money to the Norton Church—if not immediately, then as soon as possible.

Granted, the calls upon our people for financial support—for many projects—are urgent and frequent. But it is good to remember once in awhile that we do not give just to men, to churches, to schools, or even to missions, but to God; and love for Him must ever be our motive for giving.

Here is one more need, real and urgent. May God lay it upon some hearts to give to the Norton Church — generously.

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—G. D. Watson.

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