



Wait a While

Probably some of the best Scripture themed lessons that my Mom taught me did not come from a formal time of reading Bible verses. It came from watching how she dealt with life. She lived during the Great Depression and as I look back, I realize how that formed many of her behaviors and thinking. Those lessons of living with little and having to wonder when life would get better were certainly an impact on her. As a family, we attended church regularly each Sunday and observed the Holy Days of the church calendar.

We learned of the Scriptures through worship but did not engage in exploring the Bible during family times. It was through some lessons of discipline and character building that I feel my Mom helped me to see what God was asking of me. When I would try to take short cuts or rush through steps of something we were working on in the home or during shopping trips, she frequently spoke the words of the title of this devotion. I can still hear those words “Wait a while” when she sensed I was rushing a little too fast. Waiting is not something most of us like to do, but it is a part of God’s plan sometimes. Like so many stories in the Bible, we see that waiting for God to reveal the plan is much better than any well-thought human plan. Consider Joseph as he was mistreated by his brothers and Pharaoh or the woman Jesus healed from the pain of hemorrhage for many years. Our stories are no different than Joseph and the healed woman. In the right time, God beautifully reveals that waiting is well worth it.

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Scripture:

Psalm 66: 10-15

Ecclesiastes 7: 8-10

James 1: 2-4

1 Peter 1: 6-8

Hebrews 12: 7-9

Luke 1: 35-37

Hebrews 12: 10-12