HELEN SANDERS 8-18-2025 THE WAITING ROOM

As a Pastor there have been many times that someone was in the hospital, and I went to visit. Sometimes we had to wait in the "waiting room" if they were in for surgery. As you wait, there are many thoughts that go through one's mind. Sometimes there is fear of the unknown, not knowing if the loved one will make it. It is in these times that we must rely totally on the promises of God. Many a miracle has happened in the waiting room when faith is lifted up in prayer, believing for a miracle.

Waiting is not the most favorite thing for Christians, but God allows us to go through the test of waiting to develop patience in us. None of us particularly like that aspect. Patience can't be bought at Walmart for any amount of money. It is learned through tests and trials.

Psalm 25:5 says, "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." The word "wait" in this verse means to "bind together, perhaps by twisting, to expect, to look." In other words, as we "wait" on God, we sit at his feet and become bound together with Him. In this close scenario we become quiet and listen to what He has to say, shutting out the cares of the world. We, like Mary, not Martha, choose to be close to him. You could say that we are braided together with God.

In Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

When we are in the "waiting room of life" we should choose to use that time to draw closer to God. We can come away from that place renewed in strength, our weariness gone, and the strength to walk and not faint. This is the benefit of the waiting room my friends. Spend time there. It will renew you!