SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is a vital part of Gateway family life and we want to be there for you. Your first point of contact will always be your Life Group Leaders.

Life Groups are held in our homes where we come together as a church family to learn, to grow, to fellowship and to share.



If you are not part of a Life Group and would like to know more, please contact the church office for more details.



CARERS' SUPPORT

Carers

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, need help, advice, assistance with completion of Benefit forms and Appeals or support at Tribunals please contact David and Denise through the Church Office (01454 322616 option 0) and we will do our best to help you.

We are also available to pray with you and "just to listen" and will respect your privacy.

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To the Gateway family

I don't know about you, but there have been times when I have found waiting so difficult. But so often, I know that it's so necessary to wait on God. I want His ideas, not my own. But that doesn't mean that it's easy, or even that it's something I enjoy! But, it's one of the ways that the Lord changes and shapes us into people who walk in all He has for us.

One thing that I've found that helps with the process of waiting, is our posture. Let me explain a little bit.

Psalm 5:3 in the NLT Translation of the Bible says, "Each morning I bring my requests to You and wait expectantly."

I love how this Psalm describes waiting on the Lord. When we wait, we are to <u>wait expectantly</u>.

Waiting on God is an active process with the expectation of an outcome.

When we come to the Lord and wait on Him, we can expect that He has heard us, and that He will answer us, because that's what He says in His Word.

So often, it's in the times of waiting that God teaches us so much and grows our trust and faith in Him. But even in those times of waiting, where you're waiting for God to act or speak, make the posture of your heart one of expectation.

Expectation that God Himself will act.

So where are you at with this? How do you find waiting on God? Maybe you find it easy, and that's great!

But maybe you're a bit like me, and you've found waiting for God to speak into your situation difficult at times. And if that's you, let me encourage you to make your posture one of expectation.

Psalm 37:5 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act."

This is a promise for us as people who know Jesus. That when we seek Him in everything, commit everything to Him, trust in Him, wait on Him with a posture of expectation, then He will act. It may take some time, but His timing is perfect, so we can trust Him that He will speak into our situations at precisely the right time.

Our responsibility is to seek His face, lean into Him, wait expectantly for Him, and be obedient to whatever He says.

God's richest blessings
Pastor Daniel