

Waiting and being faithful....Is hard sometimes... by Lorelei Pepe

I am a pretty impatient person and usually want things done quickly. Being born under the sign of Virgo I do believe some of the traits they list are definitely me! I like being organized, (not always on my desk, but in my head!) and a doer. My friends know I hate procrastinators and I lose patience with them easily too. But I do believe there is wisdom in learning the art of waiting!

After all, we all have to wait in line at the grocery store, drug store, often at restaurants, movies, but the worst of all is waiting in doctors and dentist office. So sometimes I try to be creative while I wait. I try to daydream and remove myself from the situation and often go back to my childhood where we were carefree and learned to amuse ourselves without any of the gadgets we have today! We spent a lot of time outdoors, biking, roller-skating, playing hide and seek and in the winter, building ice caves and snowmen. We had fun! Our only source of entertainment was the television. I still love watching movies, old and new as long as they are upbeat, romantic, entertaining or heartwarming.

I recently saw a movie that took place in Japan. It was about a faithful dog named Hachiko, a rare Akita breed. He would accompany his owner, a university professor, who walked to the train station daily. Every morning he would be at his side and when he returned in the evening, he would be there to meet him coming off the train. How faithful! He would wait patiently every single day regardless of the weather.

One day the professor did not return to the station as he unfortunately had died suddenly at work. But for the rest of Hachiko's life he showed up at the same train station everyday for 9 years. He knew the secret of waiting. I know strangers took care of him and I like to think a loving family adopted him too.

I think about this sweet movie a lot. It certainly shows me faithfulness and patience and encourages me too. It reminds me of Paul. In the Bible as he wrote to the Thessalonians as he commended them for their faithfulness despite harsh opposition. He encouraged them to continue to be faithful, and endure and have hope in Jesus, believing one day He would return. He also encouraged them to keep praying, as that is so simple, but so powerful.

So, with these reminders I try harder, sometimes failing but at least trying! I remind myself that this world is only temporary. So, I await the return of our Lord Jesus, my best Friend and Savior and know one day we will be reunited and to me that is comforting. In Him I find my peace!

Psalm 37: 7 “Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him...”