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## Slow but sure.

We have all been there. Waiting. Waiting for someone to get better, for pain to go away, for that phone call, for that new job. Sometimes we have some say in what we are waiting on while other times we are helpless. Regardless, waiting is hard. I need to improve on my ability to wait. How about you?

I usually have a pretty good picture in my mind of what I want to accomplish or what I want to be like. The problem is that so many things I want or want to be like are not going to happen overnight. Most things that are worthwhile take time, and this is true in our walk with God as well. To walk a life worthy of the call of our God takes time. It is not one sudden leap at baptism, but a lifetime of little steps closer and closer to our God. I hope these words can help you as you try to be who God wants you to be.

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but **one** thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

### Philippians 3:13,14

Here Paul gives us some great advice on reaching goals while we wait. Accept that you are not where you want to be yet. Forget the past and instead reach forward because that is where our hope lies. Then press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. It will still take time, but doing these things will help make our time of waiting for the Lord a slow but sure walk that will lead us to Him one Day.

John

## He Gives You The Ability

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Man is quick to look to his accomplishments with great pride. Nebuchadnezzar was guilty of looking around at his kingdom with great satisfaction. In his mind, it was his great leadership, his great army and his great wealth that had produced for him a kingdom. Was it really? When we look at our homes and possession do we fill with the same pride? Did we accomplish this with our great education, power, influence and hard work? Did we do this because of our great strength? Where did our production come from?

Consider the answer to the following questions. Who allowed you to wake up this morning? Who allowed your lungs to breathe in air this day? Who allows you to have the mental capacity to reason logically this day? Who allows you to be able to see today? Who allows your hands to maneuver to accomplish what your brain wishes? Who allows your feet to be placed one in front of the other all day long? Who allows you to live in a land of plenty? Who allows you to live in a peaceful land? Who allows you to be free of sickness or debilitating disease today? Who really is in control? The answer to all of these is God.

Nebuchadnezzar's pride led him to act like a cow for seven years. He made no decision; he did not lead his army or make any laws during this time. He wasn't in control. Let everyone of us use our power and our strength to do all that we can but do not forget God gives us this ability. Always give him the glory that he deserves.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
     John Allen Thomas      Bill Fuller  
     Sam Quirk                 David Gray  
     Jim Anderson             Danny Lasater  
     Bobby Daniels             Jonathan Macer  
 Read: Luke 11:14-26.....Corey Massey  
 Sermon: Who Is The Source?.....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Byran Farris  
 Read: Colossians 1:18-20.....Chris Mobley  
 Sermon: Blessed Are the Peacemakers.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

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**WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Meghan & Maddi Lusk  
 P.M.....Edith Burgess, Rhonda Farris

Song Leader .....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Announcements/Spoker.....Joe Macer