

Your picture is on his refrigerator
Your Dad is trustworthy

*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.
Psalm 37:23*



Life is lived in the unresolved.

"We wait in fear for a happy ending we cannot write. We wait for a not yet that feels like a not ever." Lewis Smedes

"You take in on faith. You take it to the heart but the waiting is the hardest part." Tom Petty

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? Romans 8:24

Faith only exists in the absence of what you hope for.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. Hebrews 11:22

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets. Hebrews 11:32

Life is spent living in the unresolved.

The period of waiting and hoping is where growth happens.

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings Psalm 17:6-8

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. Hebrews 11:13

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39,40

Learning to live in the unresolved means that you and I have to get good at something we hate. Waiting.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:14

Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land. Psalm 37:34

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. Psalm 40:1

Those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31

Final question (you put one up on the screen after I was done last week.
How does this work?)

Life is lived in the unresolved. Who do you want to be when the waiting is over?