

## **A TIME OF FAITH, Even when the snow is falling**

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*“Lord, how long should we wait for an answer from the insurance brokerage? The snow is falling on the tarped roof of our home and we have been fighting for coverage since July. It’s now the middle of October. We have been paying our premiums on our home insurance for years and now they tell us the damages from the microburst windstorm (that blew many shingles off our home) are not covered due to a policy change we were not aware of. The brokerage has taken our appeal to the corporate level but have kept us waiting for so long. Do we try to fix it now on our own, or do we wait longer for a miracle?”*

My husband Chad and I had prayed and asked others to pray for this situation. Was God asking us to trust that he had a plan that we could not see? The Bible has something to say about God’s plan.

### **Please read Isaiah 55:6-11**

When the snow falls before we are ready, or we are backed into a corner in life, we have a chance to exercise our faith. It’s like getting our faith stretched and warmed up to get ready for God to show us that “this plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours.” (vs. 8,9) In order to find out what God’s plan is, we need to ask or seek Him in prayer and wait for the answer. “Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call upon him now while he is near.” (vs. 6) If we do not have peace to do something other than wait, we need to keep waiting. Even if the only reason to keep waiting is because we believe God is ASKING US TO WAIT.

People will tell us a miracle will not likely happen. Even people who love us and want what’s best for us will give us advice to strike out on our own. But if we wait for the Lord Jesus to save us in our current situation, He will show how strong He is on our behalf. He’s fighting in our corner and sees us struggling to believe that He’s “got this”. The struggle gets personal when we wonder if we are worth the Lord’s time. Or if we are really forgiven for any part of the situation that is our own fault. But we read in verse 7, “Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy upon them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon!” God does not hold our mistakes against us. Admitting and letting go of our mistakes makes room for God’s vast forgiveness and deep love.

God asked Chad and me to wait and gave us His peace. Three days later the insurance brokerage came through with a settlement. “As the rain and snow come down from heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth, and cause the grain to grow and to produce seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry, so also is my Word. I send it out and it always produces fruit”. (vs. 10, 11a) The snow melted and our roof got new shingles before the next snow fall. God’s power moved that brokerage to offer us the money to fix our roof. That was a miracle in answer to prayer.

This advent season, when the snow falls, will you trust His plan so you can experience his salvation and love for you?

It’s worth the wait.