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Scott's Thoughts



““For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing

as this has ever happened or was ever heard of.” (Deuteronomy 4:32, ESV)

I hate waiting but it seems like I do a lot of it anymore. How do you feel when you wait in a doctor's office? Do you keep telling yourself that this problem, whatever it is, is just minor and the Doc can fix you up in no time? Or are you on the opposite end of the scale and think the one who knows the test results will have bad news and the doctor is going to tell you that you only have six months to live. There is also a third choice which is to sit and wait patiently, as the doctor reveals the results, then accept them, and move forward with your life. How we react while waiting is really a choice.

God told Jeremiah in chapter one verse five that He knew Jeremiah before he was formed in the womb and that before he was born God had a plan for him. This is no less true for any of us than it was for Jeremiah. However, God having a plan does not insure our obedience to that plan. We are free to choose to work with God or ignore Him.

Just as the doctor tells me to eat less protein because of kidney disease, I can decide to eat

that way or not. I like protein rich foods and at one time I was, as directed by a doctor, to go on a high protein diet. Now I find myself having to choose carefully. Do I eat that whole steak or leave half of it for the next meal and instead have some vegetables? I have never been a huge fan of vegetables but now I am finding new ways to incorporate them into my daily diet.

I do not know how many days I have left on this planet but I'm choosing to go forward every day with two things in mind. 1. I'm choosing to live for God as if today is my last day on earth because when that final day comes, whether expected or unexpected, I want to be found in the grace of God. 2. I refuse to hide in a corner and mope about what might have been. There are so many things in my life that could have been different if I had only made a slightly different choice. Those are decisions that I do not get to do over, so all I can do is press ahead and try every day to make better decisions based on knowledge that I now possess.

““Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.” (Isaiah 46:3–4, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.
—Scott