



## Prayer Update: Patience

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.”

- Ephesians 6:18-19



Why is it so difficult to wait? Maybe I'm the only one that experiences this, but it is almost painful for me to wait in the midst of uncertainty. Here in Atlanta, I'm working on completing my staff training assignments, preparing a team of 5 students to join me on a trip to Romania this May (more details to come! I'm so excited to go back!!), starting some staff training specific to the Atlanta Navigators, meeting with Atlanta staff to get introduced to all the ministries here in Atlanta, finishing the unpacking at our new home, and so on. I am busy, but I am not content. I often incorrectly correlate my level of busyness with my level of contentment. But now, I'm realizing that although I am busy, I am anxious and discontent in the face of uncertainty. Where will I be placed here in Atlanta? What if no one wants me? (That right there is a lie from Satan telling me that my worth as a person is bound up in my job - and yet it's hard not to believe) What if people think I'm lazy or incompetent or ... the list goes on. All of these questions are about my ability to "achieve" and "do". I am a "do-er" and I know that and embrace that, but I also know that

this tendency to want to "do" can drift me away from God. Right now all God is asking me to do is actively wait. Yes, still work on training assignments and Romania preparations and so on. I don't believe God is asking me to lay in bed all day waiting for a big neon sign to appear with my placement on it, but I do believe God is asking me to be patient and trust Him. And oh what a task that is for me sometimes. Patience and trust.

**Will you pray for me to trust God's timing and wisdom? Will you pray for me to diligently do my work without feeling the compulsion to grab control of my placement out of God's hands? ...as if I could even do that anyway :-)**

**And finally, will you pray for me to be content where I am right now - in the uncertain period of waiting - and not demand answers on my timeline from God?**

Thank you so much, prayer team! Keep me updated on how I can be praying for you as well. May God grant us all the patience and trust to follow Him.

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