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We are always waiting for something...

- Waiting in line on Black Friday to get that once in a lifetime great deal on something you've always wanted
- Waiting for the doctor's office to call with test results
- Waiting for the end of the week so you can start your vacation
- Waiting for winter to be over... (too soon for that, I suppose)

Waiting for our hopes and dreams to come to pass is hard.

A very long time ago, a woman was waiting for her baby to be born. She had the same apprehensions, the same expectations most women have as they wait for their "bundle of joy" to be born. Hers, however, was a very special birth – the birthing of God's very own Son. The One who came to redeem the world.

Truth is, the world had been waiting a very, very long time for God's plan to unfold. For God to send the One who would free the world of its pain and suffering, guilt and shame.

Then, Jesus came. He came with one mission in mind – to do what God had sent him to do. To set the world aright. To give it a 'do over.' That is exactly what he did. He experienced this life as we do and followed God's plan to the letter.

I know, it may look like he failed when you read the news or experience some of the world's not-so-nice side. But Jesus didn't fail. He showed the world the way. God's way. A way filled with love, grace, respect, belonging and forgiveness.

God sent Jesus to show us the way, but God doesn't force us to follow. We get to choose to follow or not. A choice to choose love, kindness, forgiveness, acceptance – to be a part of God's plan to redeem the world.

I am waiting for a day when the world fully reflects God's Way. I want to be a part of that by doing my best to follow God's Way.

What are you waiting for? Will you become part of God's plan along with me?

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