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Pastor's Pen Article by Richard Lapehn

Hurry Up and Wait

Since I have enjoyed the privilege of traveling during part of the month of July, I was in several airports. Thankfully, I experienced none of the horror stories that other travelers have endured while flying the friendly skies to visit family or vacation in recent months.

There is, however, one unavoidable annoyance whenever you fly from one place to another. It's the game of "Hurry Up and Wait" you experience on every flight. You hurry to get in line to check any luggage you don't wish to lug onto the plane. You then race over to the security checkpoint. Both of these spots in the airport can become a bottleneck for long lines and impatient passengers.

When your plane is ready to load, you typically sit in your seat for a lengthy period before the plane takes off. On one recent flight we sat for nearly 90 minutes while a replacement part was found to repair some minor malfunctioning piece of machinery on the plane.

Hurry Up and Wait is not only for travel. A dad named Rodney LaCroix posted the following thoughts on Twitter recently. "Do you ever feel like you spend your life waiting on other people to get ready? Or, maybe you're the one who can never be on time, and other people are constantly nagging you to hurry up."

"Parents often feel like their life is one long cycle of hurry up and wait. For example,

What I say: Get ready, kids, we are leaving in five minutes.

What the child hears: *No hurry*, why don't you open up a jar of acrylic paint and start a messy art project. While you're at it, you should hide your left shoe in the back of your closet to make it harder to find."

The good news about God is that there is no such thing as "Hurry Up and Wait." As disciples of Christ, we are blessed to experience the peace, security, and love of God each and every day. We are not forced to wait for some future moment in time when all will be well. We can experience the joy of life today that God intends for each one to know.

Please share the good news with others of the peace and comfort you know in relationship to almighty God.

Grateful for your prayerful support,
Rich Lapehn