

Saturday, December 9

## Time to be Still

*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.*

Psalm 37:7 (NIV)

Reading about the wonderful experiences *On Eagles Wings* Bible Camp teachers share each year are treasured, as they describe how the seeds of God's love are being planted. This year a couple of the stories were about the gift of presence and walking together in "God's time". Today, now, how can we make God's presence grow in the lives we touch daily? When we stop long enough and listen, we know that presence is all around us, right where we are.

Our God is here; it took a long time to realize that it was "me" who was not present or to realize how much I was loved unconditionally. ... It is in the stillness. ...

Stillness came when I least expected it. One day I was giving a ride to an elder, (my day was full of time sensitive tasks to fulfill before five o'clock, so needless to say I was in a rush). As we were driving many of the roads we turned into had barriers, detours, or were under construction. We had to stop, turn around and take another road. After the fourth time, I was getting frustrated, agitated and talking excessively while trying to remain *calm*, as I kept my hand expectantly on the gear shift. All this time, I didn't notice that the elder hadn't said a word. As I continued rambling on and on, without a word, she quietly put her hand on top of my hand, gently squeezed it and let go....I looked over, and she didn't say a word but kept looking out the window.

Advent is a time of waiting, a very clear timetable to become aware of God's stillness that you can be aware of inner peace.

**Heavenly Father, thank you for the many blessings of this day, the gratitude in those we meet, and gratefulness of what you have given us. Thank you for the hope and the peace we seek in your promises. Amen.**

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