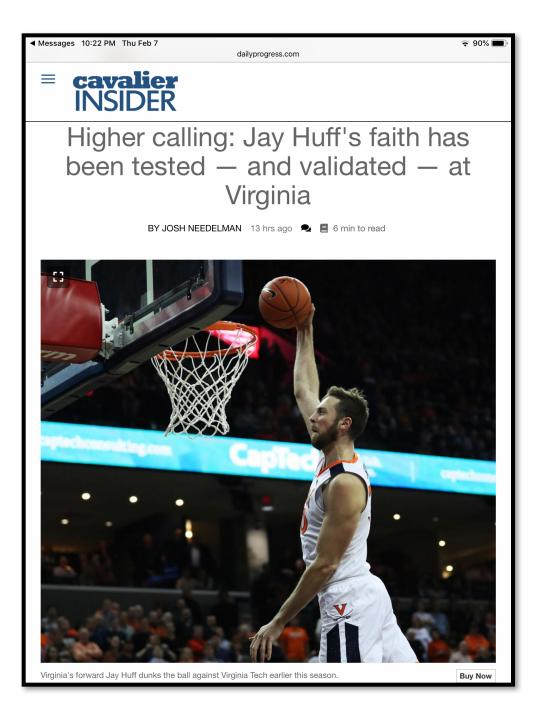
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What are you waiting for?
How are you waiting for it?



Away from the crowds, cameras and fans clamoring for him to receive more playing time, he remembers his purpose.

"He wants to honor God"



The Book of 1 Thessalonians



#2 — Waiting Well: Past, Present, Future 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

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Waiting well (three timeframes) ...

1) ... PAST: Faith in Christ

and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Waiting well (three timeframes) ...

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- 2) ... PRESENT: Love for Christ

Waiting well (three timeframes) ...

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3) ... FUTURE: Hope in Christ

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

- Acts 1:11

Waiting well (three timeframes) ...

3) ... FUTURE: Hope in Christ

"Christ is at present exalted with God; it is from the presence of God that he will be revealed in glory. To wait for him has ethical implications; those who wait are bound to live holy lives so as to be ready to meet him."

- F.F. Bruce

"Will we endure this trial ... and still possess a faith that is alive and well? Will we pass through this vast disappointment and still cling to the belief that God is good, that God is wise, that God is loving?

Will we trust God? Or will our faith in a good, wise, and loving God evaporate as our patience grows thin and our spirits tire?"

- Jeff Manion, The Land Between

Waiting well (three timeframes) ...

- 1) ... PAST: Faith in Christ
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Waiting well ultimately begins and ends with Jesus Christ.

"The triad of faith, hope and love is the quintessence of the God-given life in Christ."

- Gunther Bornkamm

"What a wonderful trinity of Christian graces! It should be the biography of every believer. It was the biography of the church in Thessalonica, and I hope it is the biography of your church, too."

- J. Vernon McGee

Questions:

- 1) Do you have **faith** in Christ?
- 2) Do you **love** Christ by modeling Him to others through your life?
- 3) Do you **hope** in the return of Christ (or someone/something else)?

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Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

1 Thessalonians is our call to wait well for Christ's return.

Have a great week of waiting well.

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