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I believe this
standing still
is a fair
to not see!
I do feel powerful
happy in this
waiting - and
trust it is not
equal reason)
Dear, beloved
my friend, friend
nobody can ever
first to helping me
of course
the best light
of Christ

separating myself from many believing friends & may be the instrument
of greater usefulness
to the body where
I find my self
I cannot see
any way but
to face the
harder wait
patiently the
Lord's right
time
I don't hate you always
complaining of my backwardness
in answering thy letters so I'll expect
when I'm none to answer -
was ever earthly communing
you looked for it to be, I calculate
upon thee, and how little I saw of
thee when last here - the fact
there is only one, ever near - ever
reliable - One from whose Presence
comes broad effulgence of Light
while our friends but throw little
passings rays of light across our
paths very sweet and pleasant
greet, but not sufficient to lighten
way - a steady and continuous
to bask in — Dear Hannah,
the shady places in thy present path
are not few or far between - but the
picture will be the more beautiful &
perfect, when worked out - won't it, darling?

I was telling Anna the other day I really
thought the Lord was kinder to me
than most other folks - really the
lines fall unto me in pleasant places!
since I heard of Anne R's troubles
so overcasting their sunny pictures, I have
the more realized how great a boon
is my excellent health, a sound mind
in a sound body & I trust, tho' thy
suggestion, Anne's discomfort may be
temporary - How faithful and loving
I ought to be, when His mercies so
abound - but the thing is to be thank-
ful at all times, not only when the
sun shines - how wrongly we judge
of ourselves often - we think we have
a very grateful spirit - when it
may^{be} only because there is no trial
to prove us - we think how near
we are kept to His side, when there
is no temptation - strongly pulling
the other way - oh Hannah! it does

seem as if some had a much
harder time than others - there is
poor W Jacob! if there ever was a
prayer to spare, oh! offer it for him
how impossible it is to know whether
people are born again or not! - they
may be, and yet fall into temptation
may they not? but there no one will
Doubt, then think it dangerous to tell people they are safe. never
believe it - I am distressed for thee
my brother Johnathan - how I do
pray & plead for that poor soul!
dangers so surround him, and nothing
seems to offer for him to do, keep this
sad hint to thyself - I fear the chains
of habit! James Morrison is in
New York, he wrote him a beautiful
letter of sympathy & encouragement
and bade him if sin was on his
conscience - go straight to that Fountain
We have had so many good gospel
sermons lately at this meeting, indeed
I have enjoyed them much Eli
Jones did preach the soundest, best
and most earnest sermon I've most
ever heard - a message to the sinner -

and the saints — (including me)
He said "do not startle at the word
sinner - for we all have sinned &
come short of the Glory of God - but
there is a Fountain filled with blood
and we know that sinners plunged
therein, come forth white and clean!
Then, why should not souls here, this
day, wash and be clean? what
hinders? what hinders? how
solemn was the call! it seems as
if sinners must have been brought there
& then! how sweetly he spoke to me
and my fellow believers - I can hardly
give thee any idea - he spoke of the
unrecognized - who had no nursing
father & mother - of the poor woman
who pressed through the crowd - and
touched the hem of her Saviour's garment
and was made whole - even the dis-
ciples near Him, knew not she was
healed - but Jesus knew it, He recognized
her and she was constrained to tell before
them all, her malady and its healing!
Then he conveyed a special message to me
telling me the thoughts of my heart - he said
he heard a plaintive voice "my way is hedged
up - I cannot get out" - the language to me was
the same as to the Israelites, "stand still &
see the salvation of God" - over & over again
had these words come to me as, I believe, the voice
of the Spirit to a mind, I trust, made somewhat
subject - and I do not think I discern myself
in thinking the fullness of time has not come yet
God does take our circumstances into account & if
I am at any future time kept there or den and without