

Christian Astronauts Lean on Their Faith While Stranded in Space

The world is watching and waiting as NASA works to get two stranded astronauts home from space. We're also seeing faith at work as the rescue effort proceeds.

NASA Astronaut Barry Wilmore and test pilot Suni Williams should have returned from their mission weeks ago, but engine failure has prevented that.

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As fellow Christians pray for their safety, Wilmore, a longtime church elder, and Williams both have the important treasure of faith with them in outer space. Facing the unknown, both NASA and its stranded crew are checking and double-checking all options so they can get home.

"We are finding stuff and we're correcting it and making changes, making updates with our control team," said Williams.

The Boeing Starliner is on hold due to thruster failures and helium leaks. NASA Chief Astronaut Joe Acaba says the team continues to search for answers. "I do want to put this into perspective. If Butch (Wilmore) and Suni (Williams) do not come home on Starliner and they are kept aboard the station, they will have about eight months on orbit," said Acaba. That means no likely return until next year.

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Acaba says there's just not enough insight or data to make a

clear decision yet.

Still, he's confident Wilmore and Williams' experience onboard the spaceship will keep them safe.

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