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We are now over 40 days and nights since Ida hit our area. It is still dangerous to drive in some areas. On my street of 45 homes, 9 are currently uninhabitable. In our parish, combined with other parishes also hard hit, it is estimated that 7,000 people have no inhabitable home.

I think the early frustration that people felt has settled into a deep weariness. Many are discouraged because delay is the order of the day. No one wants to live in a damaged and potentially dangerous home, but most of us are.

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