



In His Time

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*“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**” 2 Peter 3:8-9*

Our God is the Lord of Time

Our text focuses on Peter as he reassures believers that God will deliver on His promises on time. There were many that scoffed at the faith of believers since nearly all of the Patriarchs of the Christian faith were dead and the present leaders were aging; the skeptics argued that Christ had not returned as promised. Nonbelievers unmercifully ridiculed the believers. Peter reminds then that God has a purpose in what is considered a delay in the expected promise. **(2 Peter 3:1-40)**

There is great relief knowing a God who is always on time. He is always in control and is never late. We are to know that He never forgets and is mindful of us. **God is always on time!**

God is on time because He is ahead of time. We trust God to take care of things for us, because we know that God has already began the process to resolve our problem or situation, **although the solution is not apparent to us.**

That’s why Isaiah 40:31 says *“But they that wait on the Lord shall **renew their strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”*

Mistakes and failures happen because people are impatient.

Many of the failures we see in the Bible are failures related to waiting.

*What I want you to take home today is this, **you are right where God is, He is with us through it all.** Sometimes it seems we face delay to the Divine plan, **but know this; God makes all things turn out for the best in His time in our lives.***

Often we get impatient, and we try to open doors ourselves, or make things happen on our own. But Scripture is clear that **it’s better to wait for the Lord, than to rush into things.**

Core Point: Waiting is a significant part of each of our lives. In the midst of unexpected timing and delayed promises, we can discover the divine design of things. Waiting on the Lord has it’s purpose and we will grow deeper and stronger in Him through it all.

Trust God’s Timing

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, **and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!** Psalm 27:14*

*The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.** Lamentations 3:25-26*

King Saul made several mistakes because he refused to wait.

The Role of Patience and Our Faith Luke 8:15

It is not up to us to make things happen, we stand by faith in the truth of what God has freely given us by His grace. Our patience is _____ to seeing the manifestation come.

Hebrews 10:35-38

1 Timothy 6:12 The fight of faith is fought by you consistently exercising your patience in what God has promised.

*And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people **who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.** Luke 8:15 (NLT)*

Patience releases the power of our faith in what God has promised us. When maintain our patience, we are allowing God’s work to continue in our situation and in our spiritual growth.

Paul puts it well in Galatians 6:9, where he says, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, **for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**”*

How to Respond when you are Waiting on God

Learn from the examples of those who have gone before us. (Joseph ~ Esther)

1. Avoid rash decisions.
2. Recognize God has **designed you** for this moment.
3. Don’t underestimate the **power of prayer and fasting.**
Prayer and fasting helps us to focus and hear from God. It will bring God’s hand and God’s deliverance to us.
4. God is orchestrating behind the scenes. Don’t sell God short.
5. _____ in the Lord as you wait on Him.
6. Be constantly **grateful** because God is in your life.
7. Remember; **It is always the right time to trust God.**

Core Statement: I will be patient and wait on the Lord in all I face in life. God is up to something good concerning me! I trust God with everything in my life and that includes His timing for everything!