

DAY 6: THE WAIT

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Several years ago, the Lord led my wife Sherri and I to start a business that would help further His Kingdom. He supernaturally communicated to us what the business was, what it would look like, and how it would operate. Admittedly, we were a little scared to leave our comfortable jobs and trust everything to Him, but despite that, we took the leap of faith and started GreenKey, an EV company created to honor and serve the Lord. At first, we had high expectations that God would provide everything for us when we thought we needed it. After all, we were serving Him. Looking back, there were many times when that didn't happen and it seemed that what Paul said in Philippians 4:19 wasn't even true. Everything was falling down around us and it felt like God had forgotten us. Fast forward three years and we can clearly see that God had worked behind the scenes, walking us down the path that He laid out for us but doing it in His timing, not ours.

Sherri and I aren't the first people that God gave a vision to and then had them wait. The Bible is full of examples of people experiencing the same thing. For example, God told Noah to build a boat in a place where there was no water and had him wait 100 years before He brought the flood. God told Abraham to leave his father's house and that he would be the father of a great nation. It would take another 25 years before he even had his promised son Isaac. God showed Joseph in a couple dreams that he would lead and deliver his family. It took 17 years for those dreams to come true. And while he was waiting, he was sold into slavery and thrown into prison. When God delivered His people from the hands of Pharaoh, it would be 40 years of walking through the desert before they would enter the promised land. David was anointed to be King of Israel, but it took 15 years before he actually became King. And during much of his time waiting, he was running for his life from Saul, the guy who was King when David was anointed.

So why does God make his servants wait? And why does the wait usually require us to endure really hard things? Doesn't He love us? The answer is emphatically yes! God loves us so much that He has a plan for each of us. His plans for us are for our benefit and for His glory. God knows that He needs to prepare us for what He has for us and that preparation usually comes in the form of difficulty and trials. God also knows that His timing is perfect. Sometimes His children won't be happy about the wait but, like any good parent, He is willing to do what is best for His children. These past few years, Sherri and I have experienced waiting firsthand. It has been challenging and there have been many tears, but it has been totally worth it! God has used this time to grow us and show us how much He loves us! Even though we still haven't seen the full breakthrough, we are confident that He is working everything for our good as we put our trust in Him. So, if you find yourself in a period of waiting, hold tight to God and trust that He is working it all out for your good. Just like He did with His servants in the bible, He will do it for you too! I promise you, it will be worth the wait!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your Word says that You will always take care of me and provide everything I need. I know that while this is true, many times You allow me to experience things that are hard so that You can grow me into the man or woman that You have called me to be. Give me the faith to stand strong in those times. Let me be reminded of who I am in You regardless of my circumstances. I know that if You said it, it will come to pass. So give me the endurance to see my race through to the end! To You Lord be all the glory, honor and praise! In the mighty Name of Jesus I pray, Amen!

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:19, Genesis, 5:32, Genesis 6:13-18; Genesis 7:11, Genesis 17:1-4, Genesis 21:5

Thought Questions:

What is something that you're waiting for from God? What impact does this have on your faith?

What is your normal attitude like when you're in a waiting season? What is something you can do to ensure God gets glory while you wait?
