

# Time Machine

## Part Four - God's Timing

Opening - The phone that rang at the perfect time.

- God's timing is so important.

Example - Clapping to gospel music

### **Five Things to Know About God's Timing**

1. God has a time table for everything that happens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Example - The birth of Jesus

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the time was right, God sent his Son, and a woman gave birth to him. His Son obeyed the Law, <sup>5</sup> so he could set us free from the Law, and we could become God's children.

Note - He waited 4,000 years!

2. God doesn't tell you the details in advance.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

Note - Crazy things people do to know the future.

Acts 1:7

He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

Note - God wants us to trust Him.

3. God is never in a hurry and He is never late.

Example - He's an on Time God

Note - God is not limited by time like we are. (I-10 traffic)

2 Peter 3:8

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

Example - Dreams we give up on.

Habakuk 2:3

At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time but keep on waiting - it will happen!

Note - A delay is not a denial!

4. God's timing is not always convenient.

Example - Mary's pregnancy

Note - God isn't interested in our *comfort* as much as He is our *conformity*.

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...

5. At the right time, God can do anything instantly.

Note - God can do in 15 sec what we've waited for 15 yrs

Isaiah 49:8

This is what the LORD says: "At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation, I will help you."

## **Four Things God's Timing Demands**

1. God's timing demands we trust Him.

Mark 5:36

But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

Note - "Fear not" appears in the Bible 365 times!

Psalms 31:14-15

But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." 15  
My times are in Your hands...

Note - Not my will but thine be done - Not my timing...

Psalms 69:13

But I pray to you, LORD. So when the time is right, answer me and help me with your wonderful love.

2. God's timing demands that we are patient.

Note - Patience is a by-product of faith!

Psalm 37:7

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Note - Comparisons lead to impatience!

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

1 Peter 5:6

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

Note - Humility leads to patience.

3. God's timing requires that we remember.

Note - God has given us over 6,000 promises in His Word!

Example - Flood insurance

James 1:25

But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice - you will be blessed by God in what you do.

Note - Read, study, remember & do!

4. God's timing requires determination.

Galatians 6:9

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Quote - "Good things come to those who wait, but not to those who hesitate, so hurry up and wait upon the Lord!"

Example - The golf course property