



"When We Accept God's Timing, We Truly Begin To Live In Faith, Trusting And Knowing That He Is At Work Now And Always."

If you really delve into this thought, the power behind it is rather life-altering. Some of you may be very familiar with this concept, while others this may seem a tad foreign. So, I'd like

to approach this from a very elementary explanation as this affirmation has single-handedly changed my attitude and in turn changed my life. The basis of this is that fact that you need to get comfortable with the fact that you are NOT in control of your life. Sure you make your everyday decisions about what to wear, what to eat, when to sleep and how you are going to spend your time, but ultimately, none of that really matters. What matters is that you can rest assured knowing that no matter what you think you are "Choosing," God's plan for your life supersedes everything. He has a plan for you. Not only does He have a plan for you, but He has it perfectly timed out so that things unfold just as they should, in the order He has them and exactly when you are ready. When you are able to get to a place where you are ready to relinquish all the things you try so hard to control, you will realize how much easier life can be. Let go of the need to try to control. We must all realize God is truly in control in all aspects of our lives and His timing is perfect.

"Waiting In The In-Between Time"

Every single thing we face in life, whether it is an illness, a bad habit, sadness, loss, extreme happiness or even death, they are each emotions and phases of life that God had planned for us since the day we were born. He has the ultimate roadmap already set out for your life. He might let us fall off track, but that is only so that we may be lost and find Him again. He will always guide us right back to the path he has set for us. So, there is no point in worrying. Trust and know that God has a plan and His timing is perfect, just like Him. Let go and have faith that He is guiding your every step. I don't know if today is your day for your specific miracle. It may be that this is your in-between time. But what I do know is that whatever you are going through, God has not forgotten you. It may seem like it's too late. It may seem like nothing is ever going to change. It may seem like you've been waiting most of your life. But don't quit now. Don't give up or turn back because we've already been given this assurance. "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40: 31)

"Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry." (Habakkuk 2:2-3)
We all know and have heard that God is never late, roughly translated that really means **"God, why do you seem to make me wait until the last second?"**

"High Critics"



In the early and mid-nineteenth century, there came a diverse group of people who came to be known as **"Higher Critics."** These people would take a **"Scientific,"** look at Scriptures and study it in the **"Cold Light Of Day."** What really happened was that these men attempted to take the **"Super,"** out of the supernatural so that they would be left

with nothing more than a historical document judged on what could be explained. If it could not be explained, it was rejected as fable. One classic example of this was the crossing of the River Jordan by the Israelites. We all know that God commanded the priests to put their foot into a spring swollen river with the Ark on their shoulders. Higher critics discovered that some miles up river from the point at which the Israelites crossed, that there had been, at one point, possibly even in that time frame, a massive landslide which would have dammed up the river for a period of time. These Godless men, in their own act of faith, would cry **"ah ha, we have our natural explanation."** Isn't it amazing that in their zeal to discount a miracle working God that they missed the obvious. The miracle of the timing. Even it if is true that there was a massive landslide up the river that dammed it up, what are the odds that all this took place to perfectly coincide with the priests putting their foot in the water?



"The Miracle of Jericho"

What about the walls of Jericho? An earthquake? Perhaps. What are the odds of an earthquake occurring at the exact second the Israelites, under exact instructions from God, gave a great shout and the walls of Jericho came down and they took the city?



"Rise, Take Up Your Bed And Walk."

In this next text, this man had been crippled for thirty-eight years and year after year he had been coming to the pool of Bethesda (which means, "House Of Healing"), hoping for healing. (John 5:5-9) "Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked." The man came to this pool with the expectation of a miracle. No doubt he anticipated his miracle coming relatively soon after his initial arrival, but now years have passed, and still the man was infirmed. The man had been in the right place, and the man apparently had believed in the miraculous power of God, but it simply had not been time for this man's miracle to come. Consider for a moment if, on this day, after years of praying and waiting for his miracle, that this man decided to stay home. What if he had been home reading a scroll on the very day when the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, was passing through the House of Healing? I'll tell you what would have happened, this man would have missed his miracle.

"The Importance Of The Timing Of Raising Lazarus From The Dead"



Another occasion when it looked like God's timing was off was when some friends of Lazarus came to Jesus to tell Him that Lazarus was sick. One would have thought that Jesus would have jumped up right there and gone to heal His friend Lazarus. But the Bible indicates that Jesus took His time in going to where

Lazarus was. In fact, by the time Jesus got there Lazarus had been dead and buried for four days. Martha is sure that Jesus has missed it. She said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." (John 11:21). But then faith overcomes despair and she adds, "But I know, that even now, whatsoever

You will ask of God, God will give it to You." (John 11:22). The truth was that Jesus timing could not have been better. The Jews believed that the spirit of a deceased person remained with the body for three days. After that the spirit was gone. This was the fourth day. From the Jewish perspective, there was no way Lazarus was coming back. That's why Jesus waited for the fourth day. This would be an unmistakable and undeniable miracle. The miracle was also in the timing!

"The Parting Of The Red Sea"



One of the most celebrated miracles throughout the Old Testament was the miraculous rescue of the Israelites from their Egyptian masters, which climaxed with the parting of the Red Sea. Lately, some scholars have claimed that there is a natural explanation for this historic

occasion. This leaves out divine intervention altogether. Do natural explanations hold any water? The most popular natural explanation for the Red Sea crossing relocates the event from the traditional Red Sea, a large body of water, to the shallow, marshy Sea of Reeds. Proponents of this view claim that a strong wind of around 67-74 miles per hour could have driven back the water and sufficiently dried a reef or mud flat to allow the Israelites a few hours to cross over. The wind then died down and the water rushed back in, thus keeping the Egyptians from pursuing the Israelites. This explanation



simply does not match the biblical data. Even if the crossing is relocated from the actual Red Sea, Exodus makes it clear that all of Pharaoh's army drowned. The water could not have been a shallow marsh but must have been deep enough to drown an army complete with chariots and horses

(Exodus 14:17, 28). Furthermore, Scripture says that the water was piled up on either side of the fleeing Israelites (Exodus 14:21-22, 15:8; Psalm 78:13). A natural wind will not create two walls of water. Even if it could, a wind powerful enough to blow across a deep body of water and divide it into a wall on either side would certainly prohibit the Israelites from going anywhere! Now, we do know that God induced a "Strong East Wind" to divide the sea in half, but this could not have been an ordinary, natural wind. So God's supernatural usage of a natural phenomenon He created was easily worthy of being called miraculous. Remember the Red Sea did not depart until Moses place his staff into the water! Here again we see the miracle in God's perfect timing!