

Delay is Preparation

We know that we all go on a journey to maturity in our sonship which involves “process, process, process”¹. We know that on that path, there are ‘twists & turns’, plus mountainous and valley terrain (to use the descriptions Rick Joyner experienced in his prophetic vision)². There are also wilderness periods, ‘dry’ periods of time, where we seem stagnant and less spiritual. These we know are part of a process we’re going through to get us ready for what’s ahead.³

One thing many of us can’t fathom or handle is any form of delay. We feel we should be growing, doing, becoming, etc., at the pace we decide on. That, however, is a foolish attitude to take because it puts us in charge of life through our self-centredness and independence. As the Trinity is omnipotent and in charge of the whole natural realm, we should appropriately change that attitude to one of alignment, compliance and rest.

Father instructed us on just this issue recently, stating that he sees delays as preparation:

*“What you call delay, I call preparation. Many times I am at work behind the scenes, yet you cannot discern it. I am preparing others so that your destiny may be fulfilled, and I am preparing you even as I prepared Joseph for his season of promotion. Never judge my works by what your eyes see but by the promises I have made to you. I will fulfill my word, and your eyes will see the miracles of my hand.”*⁴

“The days of completion are mine, not yours. I will complete the work I have for you as my perfected timing comes to pass.

Even as my ways are perfect, so my timing is perfect. For you have said, It seems I am standing still and going nowhere.

But I say over you, I am unfolding my glory upon you even as you wait on me. I will make it happen and show you my perfection.

What often feels like an endless season of wait, is often a time of preparation. You must believe in things you cannot see.

*You must trust that even when things seem silent, I am working on your behalf. If you judge my faithfulness by what you see, you aren’t in faith at all.”*⁵

With that in mind, we should spend more effort listening with our spirit when there are unexpected delays. We’ll work more towards our growth and development if we do that.

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