

# Father's Timing Must be Taken into Account

Of great importance is our ability to work out what Father has told us. The reason for my focus on this is that we receive in our spirit what he has to say, but do we work with him to carry it out. Our tendency to go off and do things our way is a hazard we need to train ourselves out of, because his plans and purposes are the most important, not our timelines and desires.

I remember hearing a prophet who regularly visited Canberra tell me of a situation where he was accused of being a false prophet. The incident occurred in private with an individual, who had made the accusation because he didn't get the house that was prophesied for him. The prophet enquired of the person if he'd worked with Father on all the other things that were prophesied, but the accuser's response was, "No". The prophet's reply was telling – the person only wanted a new house, not to work in partnership with Father on Father's business that related to all that was on Father's heart for him.

Maybe, Brian Simmons' written comments will be able to provide the right perspective for us to get the impetus to move away from half-heartedly doing things for Father, once he's given us some information:

*“Often, because we know the will of God, we think we know the timing of God. We mustn't confuse these two realities. God's timing and his will are two different issues entirely. You can know the will and promises of God over your life, but that does not mean you know his timetable for bringing his purposes and his promises to pass. Maturity is revealed in us when we trust God with the timing. Again, like with Joseph, God is with us all the way through to the fulfilled promise. Even when his timing seems to be faulty, it is not. God is simply doing what he does—working every detail of our lives into his perfect plan... This may not be a popular or pleasant encouragement, but it is needful and truthful nonetheless.*

*The purpose of God's “waiting room” is justified by your impatience. This means your inability to wait in patient hope reveals your need for spiritual growth. In fact, the more you “stew” in angry frustration in the waiting of God, the more you delay the will of God. Waiting produces growth and maturity. Don't worry; the wait is never wasted. You will be thankful in the end that God did not stop the process when you whined, worried, or “wheeled and dealt” with him in the waiting. In the end (but not necessarily in the difficult moment), you will appreciate the timing of God...*

*We talk about “the big picture,” but we often don't like to endure well until it is revealed. You see, each strand, each (seemingly) mismatched detail of our lives is being woven like embroidery thread, bit by bit, into a beautiful masterpiece tapestry. Beloved, even the dark threads, God will use. Even the crimson, sinful, bloody-mess threads, God will use. Even the twisted and knotted threads you haven't been able to make sense of, God will use. Saint of God, even the shameful and hidden threads, God will use. Somehow, he will redeem it all, and in the end, you will see Jesus standing over all of it—your earth, your dust, your waste places—triumphant and glorified. Believe me, it will be worth the wait.”<sup>1</sup>*

Worth thinking about?

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