

## BEEN THERE—2 Why Is God So Slow?

*The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." John 2:3-4 NLT*

**While you're waiting, God is working.**

*For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! Isaiah 64:4 NLT*

**Sometimes God does something in you before He does something through you.**

**Just because God feels silent, doesn't mean He's absent.**

*But when the right time came, God sent his Son ... Galatians 4:4 NLT*

### During the Intertestamental Period

1. The Socratic method became a new way of learning.
2. The Old Testament was translated into Greek.
3. Alexander the Great conquered the world.

### For the First Time in History

1. People were encouraged to ask questions.
2. Everyone had access to the Bible in a language they understood.
3. The good news could spread in a common language through the Jewish people to the entire known world.

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV*

*Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ... <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name!" ... John 12:23, 27-28 NIV*

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NIV*

### TALK IT OVER

Read **Isaiah 64:4**. How does it feel to know that God is working while you're waiting?

Share about a time when God answered a prayer you had been waiting on. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?

Talk about something you're for waiting for right now. What are you doing to grow closer to God as you're waiting for Him to answer?

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