

GOD'S TIMING IS *Perfect*

JOHN 4:43–54

FAITH BELIEVES BEFORE SEEING.



INTRODUCTION

After ministering in Samaria, Jesus returned to Galilee where He performed His second recorded sign in John's Gospel. This passage teaches us that faith trusts Jesus before seeing the answer, God's timing is always perfect, and the greatest miracle is salvation.



1 JOHN 4:43–45 JESUS RETURNS TO GALILEE

- Jesus returned to Galilee after many Samaritans believed in Him.
- God often uses unexpected detours for His glory.
- Many welcomed Jesus because of His miracles.
- Genuine faith seeks Christ—not just His blessings.



2 JOHN 4:46 A DESPERATE FATHER

- A royal official came to Jesus because his son was dying.
- Money and position cannot solve every problem.
- Trials often lead people to seek God.
- Jesus welcomes those who come in faith.



3 JOHN 4:47–49 BRING YOUR REQUESTS TO JESUS

- The father urgently pleaded for Jesus to heal his son.
- Bring every concern to the Lord.
- Prayer is honest dependence upon God.
- God hears sincere prayers, not impressive words.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6–7 (NIV)

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MATTHEW 6:7 (NIV)

⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.



4 JOHN 4:50 FAITH BELIEVES GOD'S WORD

- Jesus said, "Go your way; your son lives."
- The official believed immediately and obeyed.
- Faith trusts before seeing.
- Obedience follows belief.
- God's Word can always be trusted.

HEBREWS 11:1 (NLT)

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.



5 JOHN 4:51-52 GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT

- The servants reported the boy recovered at the exact hour Jesus spoke—"yesterday at the seventh hour" (about 1:00 PM).
- God's timing is always perfect.
- Waiting strengthens our faith.
- God is never late.



6 JOHN 4:53-54 THE GREATER MIRACLE

- The father realized the healing occurred the exact moment Jesus spoke.
- As a result, "he and his whole household believed in Jesus."
- Physical healing is wonderful.
- Salvation is the greatest miracle.
- One believer can influence an entire family.



FOUR TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS PASSAGE



TAKE JESUS AT HIS WORD.

Faith believes before seeing.



TRUST GOD'S PERFECT TIMING.

His delays are never mistakes.



PRAY SINCERELY, NOT IMPRESSIVELY.

God listens to honest hearts.



SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS.

The greatest miracle is changed lives.



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- 1 The royal official took Jesus at His _____ and departed.
- 2 The greatest miracle was that the entire _____ believed in Jesus.



CHALLENGING QUESTION

Where is God asking you to trust His Word and His timing, even though you cannot yet see the outcome?



Trust His Word. | Wait on His Timing. | Share His Love.