

The background is a solid dark red color. In the four corners, there are decorative white line art elements resembling circuit boards or neural networks. These elements consist of thin lines that branch out and terminate in small circles, creating a symmetrical, geometric pattern in each corner.

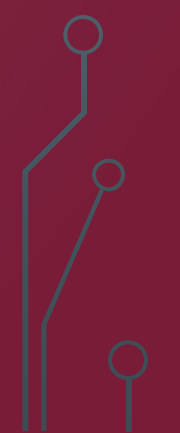

# OVERCOMING DELAY

## *Friday Fire Service*



# PROVERBS 13:12 NKJV

Hope deferred makes the heart  
sick, But when the desire comes,  
it is a tree of life.



# How To Handle Delays

1. First seek the Lord to understand the cause of the delay.
  - a. *Sometimes delays seem to happen because the vision is for an appointed time and the appointed time has not yet come. Hab.2:3; Gen.18:14;*
  - b. *Sometimes delays happen because you are not yet ready. 3Jn2; Gal.4:1-3;*
  - c. *Sometimes delays happen because we have either not received or are yet to obey the revelation or instruction that will trigger the delivery of our expectation. Deut.29:29; 28:1-2; Isa.1:19; Num.14:26-35*
  - d. *Sometimes delays are simply the result of the resistance and operation of the devil as in the case of Daniel in Dan.10:1-13;*

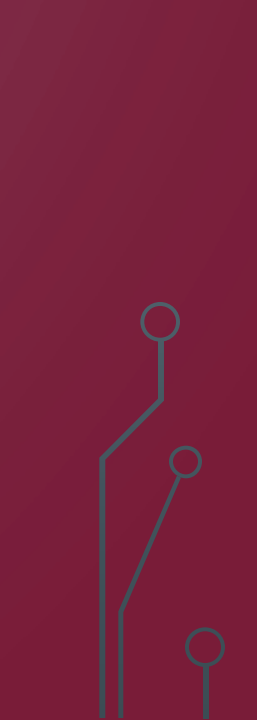

## **HABAKKUK 2:3** NKJV

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.



## **GENESIS 18:14** NKJV

Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”



# How To Handle Delays

1. First seek the Lord to understand the cause of the delay.
  - a. *Sometimes delays seem to happen because the vision is for an appointed time and the appointed time has not yet come. Hab.2:3; Gen.18:14;*
  - b. *Sometimes delays happen because you are not yet ready. 3Jn2; Gal.4:1-3;*
  - c. *Sometimes delays happen because we have either not received or are yet to obey the revelation or instruction that will trigger the delivery of our expectation. Deut.29:29; 28:1-2; Isa.1:19; Num.14:26-35*
  - d. *Sometimes delays are simply the result of the resistance and operation of the devil as in the case of Daniel in Dan.10:1-13;*

## 3 JOHN 2 NKJV

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

## **GALATIANS 4:1-3** NKJV

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.



# How To Handle Delays

1. First seek the Lord to understand the cause of the delay.
  - a. *Sometimes delays seem to happen because the vision is for an appointed time and the appointed time has not yet come. Hab.2:3; Gen.18:14;*
  - b. *Sometimes delays happen because you are not yet ready. 3Jn2; Gal.4:1-3;*
  - c. *Sometimes delays happen because we have either not received or are yet to obey the revelation or instruction that will trigger the delivery of our expectation. Deut.29:29; 28:1-2; Isa.1:19; Num.14:26-35*
  - d. *Sometimes delays are simply the result of the resistance and operation of the devil as in the case of Daniel in Dan.10:1-13;*

## DEUTERONOMY 29:29 NKJV

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

## DEUTERONOMY 28:1-2 NKJV

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:



## **ISALAH 1:19** NKJV

If you are willing and obedient, You  
shall eat the good of the land;



## NUMBERS 14:28-30 NKJV

28 Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you 29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. 30 Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I [a]swore I would make you dwell in.

## NUMBERS 14:31-34 NKJV

31 But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall [b]know the land which you have despised. 32 But as for you, your[c] carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your sons shall be [d]shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your [e]guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My [f]rejection.

# How To Handle Delays

1. First seek the Lord to understand the cause of the delay.
  - a. *Sometimes delays seem to happen because the vision is for an appointed time and the appointed time has not yet come. Hab.2:3; Gen.18:14;*
  - b. *Sometimes delays happen because you are not yet ready. 3Jn2; Gal.4:1-3;*
  - c. *Sometimes delays happen because we have either not received or are yet to obey the revelation or instruction that will trigger the delivery of our expectation. Deut.29:29; 28:1-2; Isa.1:19; Num.14:26-35*
  - d. *Sometimes delays are simply the result of the resistance and operation of the devil as in the case of Daniel in Dan.10:1-13;*

## **DANIEL 10:1-4** NKJV

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, [a]but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no [b]pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the [c]Tigris



## **DANIEL 10:5-8** NKJV

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my [d]vigor was turned to [e]frailty in me, and I retained no strength

## **DANIEL 10:9-11** NKJV

9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. 10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

## **DANIEL 10:12-13** NKJV

12 Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia

# How To Handle Delays

## 2. Pray. Don't stop praying. Isa.62:6-7

- a. *Isaac interceded and the spell of delay over Rebekah's fruitfulness was broken. Rebekah was delayed for 20 years before she gave birth. Gen.25:20-25;*
- b. *Hannah prayed and made a vow that terminated the spell of delay over her fruitfulness. 1 Sam.1:1-20;*
- c. *Daniel kept praying and fasting and the resistance of the devil was broken after 21 days, and his answer came. Dan.10:1-13;*
- d. *The persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8 will not stop praying to the judge for justice and she got what she wanted because of her persistence.*

## ISAIAH 62:6-7 NKJV

I have set watchmen on your walls, O  
Jerusalem; They shall [a]never hold their peace  
day or night. You who [b]make mention of the  
Lord, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no  
rest till He establishes And till He makes  
Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

# How To Handle Delays

## 2. Pray. Don't stop praying. Isa.62:6-7

- a. *Isaac interceded and the spell of delay over Rebekah's fruitfulness was broken. Rebekah was delayed for 20 years before she gave birth. Gen.25:20-25;*
- b. *Hannah prayed and made a vow that terminated the spell of delay over her fruitfulness. 1 Sam.1:1-20;*
- c. *Daniel kept praying and fasting and the resistance of the devil was broken after 21 days, and his answer came. Dan.10:1-13;*
- d. *The persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8 will not stop praying to the judge for justice and she got what she wanted because of her persistence.*

## GENESIS 25:20-22 NKJV

20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. 21 Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.



## GENESIS 25:23-26 NKJV

23 And the Lord said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.” 24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name [a]Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his name was called [b]Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.



# How To Handle Delays

## 2. Pray. Don't stop praying. Isa.62:6-7

- a. *Isaac interceded and the spell of delay over Rebekah's fruitfulness was broken. Rebekah was delayed for 20 years before she gave birth. Gen.25:20-25;*
- b. *Hannah prayed and made a vow that terminated the spell of delay over her fruitfulness. 1 Sam.1:1-20;*
- c. *Daniel kept praying and fasting and the resistance of the devil was broken after 21 days, and his answer came. Dan.10:1-13;*
- d. *The persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8 will not stop praying to the judge for justice and she got what she wanted because of her persistence.*

## LUKE 18:1-3 NKJV

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor [a]regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, [b]‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’

# How To Handle Delays

3. *Stand on the word of God: Do not waver. Hold your position of faith. Do not give up. Keep your eye on the vision, on the promise and not on the delay. Heb.12:1-2; Eph.6:12-13; Romans 4:20;*
4. *Praise: When Paul and Silas prayed and nothing seem to be happening, they engaged the forces of praise and there was an earthquake that brought them out of that Philippian jail. Because praise is an invitation that God cannot refuse.*

## HEBREWS 12:1-2 NKJV

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

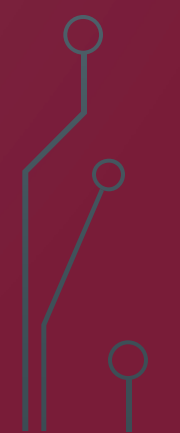

## **EPHESIANS 6:12-13** NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



## **ROMANS 4:20** NKJV

He did not waver at the promise of God  
through unbelief, but was strengthened in  
faith, giving glory to God



# How To Handle Delays

3. *Stand on the word of God: Do not waver. Hold your position of faith. Do not give up. Keep your eye on the vision, on the promise and not on the delay. Heb.12:1-2; Eph.6:12-13; Romans 4:20;*
4. *Praise: When Paul and Silas prayed and nothing seem to be happening, they engaged the forces of praise and there was an earthquake that brought them out of that Philippian jail. Because praise is an invitation that God cannot refuse.*

## **ACTS 16:25-26** NKJV

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.



# How To Handle Delays

## 5. Sacrifice.

- a. Hannah made a vow which was a sacrifice and that broke the spell of delay.  
1 Sam.1:1-20;
- b. The dream like turnaround of Psalm 126 is a function of Sacrifice. Ps.126:1, 5-6;

## **PSALM 126:1, 5-6** NKJV

1 When the Lord brought back [a]the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream.

5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes [c]forth weeping, Bearing [d]seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again [e]with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

## How To Handle Delays

6. Engage the mantle of your Prophetic.  
Hos.1 2:13; 2Kgs.6:24-33; 7:1-20;

## ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today I confess and repent of all my sins; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

Contact us — [Shilohttop@gmail.com](mailto:Shilohttop@gmail.com) or [www.shilohttop.com](http://www.shilohttop.com)

## HEBREWS 6:12 NKJV

that you do not become [a]sluggish, but  
imitate those who through faith and  
patience inherit the promises

# PRAYER 1

Father in the name of Jesus, I submit to your appointed time for my expectation; I submit to your schedule for my breakthrough; do not let me get ahead of you nor lag behind you; grant me the grace and strength to keep pace with you and wait for your appointed time; let your appointed time for the manifestation of my expectation prevail over any other agenda in my life in the name of Jesus Heb.6:12; Hab.2:3; Gen.18:14;



## 1 PETER 2:2 NKJV

as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of  
the word, that you may grow thereby,



## PRAYER 2.

Father in the name of Jesus, help me to recognize the areas of spiritual immaturity delaying the manifestation of my expectation and empower me to grow beyond them; help me to do whatever is necessary for spiritual growth, in my understanding, attitude, motivations, faith and intimacy with you, so that I will be adequately prepared to take delivery of my expectation this year in Jesus name. 3Jn.2; Gal.4:1-2;



## PRAYER 3

Father in the name of Jesus, open my eyes to the scriptural and prophetic instructions that will trigger the immediate delivery of my expectations and empower me to obey them promptly in the name of Jesus. Deut.29:29; Isa.1:18; Deut.28:1-2; Eph.1:17-19; Exo.23:25-26; Job.11:36;

## **MATTHEW 16:19** NKJV

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth [b]will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

## PRAYER 4

Father in the name of Jesus, let every force, contrary spirit, fallen angel, territorial power, generational curse, ancestral covenant, negative spell, witchcraft activity and demonic altar interfering with the appointed and divinely schedule delivery of my expectation and that of my family be terminated today in the name of Jesus.

Dan.10:1-13; Eph.6:12-13; Matt.16:18-19;

## PRAYER 5

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation this month and this year. Php.4:6

### PHILIPPIANS 4:6

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*