

Such A Time As This...

Days Turn to Weeks

God measures time not merely as a tick of the clock, but as a tool of divine revelation, testing, transformation, and redemption. From the Old to the New Testaments, finite time periods frame God's actions and sovereign purpose.

God does not exist inside of time, yet He steps into human history and present to transform us. This series explores how physical periods of biblical time reveal the heart of God, point directly to Jesus, and teach us how to walk faithfully today.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

We live in a culture that measures life by instant notifications and split-second updates, but God measures time in deliberate moments. When God shapes a soul, builds a kingdom, or fights a spiritual battle He sets the clock to a specific duration. God uses time not to delay His promises, but to prepare us. Let's look at four biblical spans of time and see how God's story unfolds in your life today.

7 Days = Divine Completion

- **Creation Week:** God created the heavens and the earth in 6 days, resting on the seventh day, creating the whole universe in that first week (Genesis 2:2-3).
- **Noah's Ark:** God gave a seven-day warning before sending the rain (Genesis 7:4) and Noah waited seven days between sending out the dove (Genesis 8:10, 12).
- **The Fall of Jericho:** Israel marched around the city once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day (Joshua 6:3-4).
- **Ritual & Purification:** The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted seven days (Exodus 12:15), and various ceremonial purification periods lasted seven days (Leviticus 12:2, Leviticus 13:4).

Stop trying to hurry God. Some things in your life won't change on day one...they will fall transform when your obedience aligns completely with God's command.

14 Days = Doubling Down

- **Solomon's Temple:** All of Israel celebrated and feasted for fourteen days...seven days for the dedication of the altar and seven days for the feast itself (1 Kings 8:65, 2 Chronicles 7:9).
- **Purification Laws:** Mothers had to wait 2 weeks after child birth before beginning the ritual purification process (Leviticus 12:5).
- **Paul's Shipwreck:** During Paul's voyage to Rome, the ship's crew endured a violent storm for fourteen days before finally running aground on Malta (Acts 27:27-33).

When you are caught in a two-week storm, keep your faith. God uses extended seasons of testing to make us less dependent on ourselves and more dependent on Him.

21 Days = Now You're In It

- **Daniel's Fast:** Daniel mourned and abstained from rich foods, meat, and wine for three full weeks (21 days) while praying (Daniel 10:2–3).
- **Delayed Angelic Response:** The angel was delayed by the "prince of the kingdom of Persia" for 21 days until the archangel Michael came to help him (Daniel 10:13).

Don't stop praying just because you haven't perceived an answer yet. Keep praying. God heard you on day one and will be faithful to respond!

40 Days = The Crucible

- **The Flood:** It rained on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights during the Flood (Genesis 7:12).
- **Moses on Mt Sinai:** Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain fasting and receiving the Law (Exodus 24:18, Deuteronomy 9:9).
- **Spies in Canaan:** The twelve Israelite spies spent 40 days exploring the Promised Land before returning with their report (Numbers 13:25).
- **Elijah's Journey:** Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights to reach Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).
- **Jesus in the Wilderness:** Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights before being tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1–2, Luke 4:1–2).
- **After the Resurrection:** Jesus appeared to His disciples and more than 500 others during the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3).

Allow God to use "seasons of wilderness" to build your faith and trust in Him. The wilderness was never meant to destroy you...it is designed to empower you for what comes next.

Whoever can be trusted with little can also be trusted with much!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – Time is a funny thing. It either passes in a flash or drags at a snail's pace. How did your time pass this week? What makes it seem to pass so differently?

Tuesday – Our faith appears in the waiting. The longer the wait...the greater the faith required to persevere. What have you been praying and waiting for? What are you learning in the wait?

Wednesday – God is always at work. Your waiting does not mean He is not present or acting. Looking back, how can you see clearly that He was at work while you were waiting?

Thursday – The angel told Daniel that God heard him the very first day, but Daniel did not hear an answer. How is a comfort and encouragement to you knowing God hears you the first time?

Friday – God is changing things in our waiting. Many times the change/transformation that occurs is in us. How has God transformed you during a period of waiting?