THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Perfect Timing**

Subtitle: Embracing My God in the Delay Part 4

Scripture: <u>2 Peter 3:9 NLT</u> Speaker: <u>Pastor Ted Winsley</u> Date: November 12, 2023

Read 2 Peter 3:9 NLT 9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

<u>Introduction</u>

We have learned that everyone must complete what we will call "Donkey missions" in order to fulfill their calling called purpose! Today, we will continue to understand that in order to experience perfect timing, we must first trust God in the delay!

Consequences of not trusting/waiting on God during the delay.

Read Zephaniah 1:12 NIV At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'

1. Spiritually <u>stagnant</u> /complacent - By rushing ahead, we miss out on the valuable <u>lessons</u> and <u>character</u> that is developed from waiting and trusting in God!

Read Jeremiah 7:24 NIV But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

2. Lack of growth and transformation.

When we are **forced** to wait, we have the opportunity to develop **patience**, trust, and **faith**.

4 Mistakes that you should never make during your delay!

Mistake #1. To **envy** and become jealous of others. **Mistake. #2** To take matters into your **own** hands.

Mistake. #3 To place your joy in what you are waiting for.

(#1-3 all on one slide)

Read Proverbs 28:22 & 25-27 NIV 22 The stingy are eager to get rich

and are unaware that poverty awaits them. ²⁵ The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper. ²⁶ Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. ²⁷ Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

Mistake #4 Choosing to withhold and become stingy during a delay.

Stingy - The fear of not having enough,

Stingy is the attitude of giving or spending <u>reluctantly</u>. A stingy person <u>withholds</u> and finds giving <u>hard</u> and uncomfortable, especially during a delay.

Consequences of choosing to be stingy during a delay.

Read Proverbs 23:6-8 ESV 6 Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies, ⁷ for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you. ⁸ You will vomit up the morsels that you have eaten, and waste your pleasant words.

- 1. You cannot **enjoy** life to the fullest.
- 2. You cannot <u>sustain</u> a marriage since being stingy is a sign of selfishness.
- 3. You will struggle in leadership because leadership is all about **generosity**!

Sowing/being generous to others during the delay opens the door to the miraculous.

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 AMPC And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. ¹¹ Thus you will be enriched in all things *and* in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the service that the ministering of this fund renders does not only fully supply what is lacking to the saints (God's people), but it also overflows in many [cries of] thanksgiving to God.

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Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Devotion/Prayer

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am
Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853
Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

Mission Statement

The Family Church is a Local Community with a Biblical Mandate to Change Our World by Restoring God's Family!

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