



Let's
Be Real
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God's Designed Delays

John 11:1-27

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Have you ever been impatient with God? Have there been times when His timing and your timing on a matter did not match up? Have you ever prayed and prayed, but it seemed as if God was not listening?

The truth is that God always hears the prayers of His people, but sometimes His answer is for us to wait. When God says "wait," His designed delay to our prayers always has a purpose.

In our text, Jesus delayed answering the prayers of Martha and Mary for their brother Lazarus, because He had a greater purpose in mind.

Main Thought...

➔ God is never in a hurry, but His timing is always _____.

1. God's delays _____ for a purpose (v. 1-16).

Ps. 13:1, 5-6; 27:13-14

2. God's delays _____ for our trust (v. 17-22).

- God can _____ our questions (v. 17-21; 32-37).
- We must _____ on to our faith (v. 22).

Gen. 16:1-2; 15; 17:15-19

3. God's delays _____ with His faithfulness (v. 23-27).

Lam. 3:22-23; 2 Tim. 2:13

Final Thoughts...

➔ What are you _____ on God to do for you today?

➔ Are you _____ to trust Him to see it through?