

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Created to Dream  
**Message:** God's Delays  
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Think of a time when impatience led you to make a poor choice.

How have you seen God's delay protect you or play a part in His providing for you?

Think of some ways that "delayed gratification" is helpful physically, emotionally, or financially.

Now, how do you see it being helpful spiritually?

Take some time and reflect on the following passage and think of some practical ways to apply it this week:

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Isaiah 40:30–31 (AMP)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

AMP – Amplified Bible  
NLT – New Living Translation  
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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God is never limited by time. What we see as delays are part of His deliberate process.

*But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!*

Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

God uses delays to prepare us and protect us.

He also uses delays to capture our attention.

Delays can draw us into trusting God more than merely the things He gives.

*Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.*

Psalm 5:3 (NLT)

*When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.*

Psalm 94:19 (NLT)

Delayed gratification builds character and maturity.

<sup>22</sup> *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT)

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