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Are We There Yet?

4 Lessons Mo Teaches Us About Waiting

1. Waiting on God is difficult

Acts 7:23-25 “When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not” (NIV)

2. Rushing God’s plan will get you in a world of trouble

Exodus 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. (NIV)

Genesis 16:1-4 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; ² so she said to Abram, “The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. (NIV)

3. God is more interested in what’s happening in you than through you

Exodus 2:23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. (NIV)

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (NIV)

4. Waiting on God is always the best choice

Psalms 33:20 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. (NIV)

Psalms 37:7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. (NIV)

Psalms 37:34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it. (NIV)

Psalms 130:5-6 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. (NIV)

Psalms 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” (NIV)

Psalms 27:13-14 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. (NIV)

CG Questions

1. Why is waiting on God so difficult for many people?
2. How can rushing God’s plan get us into trouble?
3. Why is God so interested in developing us and not just using us?
4. What are the benefits of waiting on God and His timing?