



“Trust God’s Timing” by Pastor Byron Stevenson

Psalm 37:1-40; Isaiah 55:8-13; Job 23:10

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1. Understanding God’s ways...

- a. You will only fully understand God’s ways, when He has fully revealed His plan. It wasn’t until Joshua crossed over the Jordan, overcame the giants, got through Jericho, lost at Ai, won against the 5 kings and so on, that he understood God’s way and methodology.
- b. Gods thoughts are not your thoughts... Isaiah 55:8-12

2. Everyone wants the gold, but they don’t want the fire.

- a. “He knows the way that I take: when He hath tried me (tested me, proved me), I shall come forth as gold...” Job 23:10 –

3. Resting in God

- a. When you pursue God’s dream for your life, you’re going to run into delays. God uses those waiting periods to prepare you and test you so that you can face whatever is coming in the next phase of your faith.
- b. Most of us tend to worry when we are delayed. We get stressed out. We complain. We become uptight.
- c. The Israelites, when God delayed their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, reacted the same way: *“On the way the people lost their patience and spoke against God and Moses. They complained”* (Numbers 21:4b-5a GNT).

4. Complaining / Fretting

- a. To fret is to be constantly or visibly worried or anxious...
- b. To fret is also to gradually wear away something by rubbing or gnawing.
- c. **The Israelites’ complaining and fretting were the sins that kept them out of the Promised Land.**
 - i. No matter what God did for them, they found something to gripe about. They had no water, so God provided water. Then they had no food, but when God provided food, they complained about the food they got.
 - ii. It’s easy to gripe when we’re forced to wait, isn’t it? We don’t mind waiting if we can complain about it.