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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

When Waiting Is Worth It ~ September 4, 2015

Although we humans frequently jump the gun, God's timing is perfect.

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Outside a Macy's store in Brooklyn, NY a small crowd of people recently slept for three nights on the sidewalk. Why? The internationally famous R&B singer and pop star, Rihanna, had a scheduled appearance at the store to promote her newly released perfume. These sidewalk campers wanted to make sure they'd be in front of the hundreds of "frenzied" fans who would eventually show up to get a chance to meet Rihanna at her appointed appearance. They just couldn't wait until the day of her appearance! No, they had to get in line three days early, even though it meant sleeping on a filthy sidewalk.

Isn't impatience a trait that frequently afflicts each of us? We might have no desire to sleep overnight on Brooklyn sidewalk, but we do have other interests that don't happen fast enough for us. In fact, impatience is so common, we've peppered our language with illustrative phrases that convey the concept of lacking patience.

- Jump the gun (start doing something too soon, act too hastily)
- Like mad (do something quickly, often because of great enthusiasm)
- Like there was no tomorrow (do it very fast, without thinking carefully)
- Throw it together (to rush something so that care or preparation are left behind)
- On the back of an envelope (do something in a hurried way, without much detail)

Frequently we, the People of the Book, find ourselves waiting for God to act according to one of his Biblical promises. This is not easy, since our flesh is peppered with selfish desires and because our sin-salted wisdom struggles to understand God's wisdom, like a preschooler struggling to read Objective-C. (In case you didn't know, Objective-C is the computer language programmers use to develop apps for Apple's iPhone and iPad.)

Because God is holy, his timing is flawless. Because his mercy is boundless, his answers to our prayers are perfectly good and right. Because God's wisdom is as infinite as his grace is eternal, he executes his promises in our lives with a holy precision that's machined in heaven. And we can trust that God is all this (and more!) because he fulfilled his saving promises when [his one and only Son assumed our humanity](#) to be the [Lamb of God](#) who [reconciled us to himself](#), recreating us to be heaven's [adopted sons and daughters](#).

Are you wondering when God will bring vengeance upon an evildoer? Are you panting for God to rescue you from an unbearable situation? Are you waiting for God to heal you from a

trauma to your body, mind or emotions? Are you waiting for God to pick you up and carry you as if on the wings of eagles?

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:28

Your sinful flesh wants to jump the gun, and to rush God's plans along --to receive it now! today! -- like there's no tomorrow. But be patient my friends. Wait on the Lord whose plans are so perfect, he never needs to work like mad. Wait patiently for your Savior Jesus to answer your prayers with an answer that will never have been thrown together. Yes, it's worth waiting on the God of the Bible, because his plan for your life was not jotted down on the back of an envelope, but is miraculously meticulous. The one who engraved our names on the palms of his hands is worth our patient waiting.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning” (Psalm 30).

Waiting on God doesn't require us to sleep on a dirty sidewalk. But it does mean to let our eyes of faith rest patiently on the promises of the Bible, through which he appears to us.

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[People are sleeping on an NYC sidewalk to meet Rihanna](#) @ New York Post

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

