HURRY UP

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"Hurry up" is associated with doing something more quickly or increasing its pace/movement. It demonstrates a sense of urgency to complete an important task. Most of us are in a hurry to set our own timetable without heeding God's voice and waiting for His signs. However, the Scripture says we should wait patiently without complaining —because the Lord will renew our strength (Isa. 40:31). God teaches us the virtue of patience to wait for His answer, for He knows what is best for us, according to His time (Rom. 12:12; Ecc.3:1: Phil. 4:4-6).

A. Instances of Impatience in the Bible

- 1. Sarah took the role of God She pre-empted the plan of God by endorsing Hagar her maidservant to Abraham to bear a child (Gen. 16:1-6).
- 2. Sarah tried to alter God's plan Sarah made her decision which upset the Lord's plan. Nevertheless, God's plans for us will always prevail, no matter how we try to change the course of His will.
- 3. Abraham pleaded for substitute He laughed at the very idea because of their old age (Gen.17:17-18), He begged God to take Ismael, his son with Hagar to be his heir to inherit all the blessings that God promised to him.
- 4. Abraham tried to change God's will God did not consent when Abraham insisted to accept Ismael as his heir because God made a covenant that fulfillment of his promise was through Isaac, and He was determined to fulfill it (Isa. 14:27). Oftentimes, we are stubborn and try to deviate from God's will notwithstanding the consequences of our action.
- B. Reminders about the Virtue of Patience
- **1. Don't change God's time –** God is not bounded by time; therefore, we must learn to

- wait for an answer to our supplication in His time and according to His purpose. Hence, waiting is God's gauge of our patience.
- **2.** God has not forgotten us. (Isa. 49:14). We must remember "in God's time" our prayers are answered (Isa. 49:14). Thus, we must simply wait, since He hasn't forgotten nor abandoned us.
- **3.** We should not take matters into our hands. Moses who killed an Egyptian fled into the wilderness for 40 years. Unfortunately, most of us decide disregarding God's plans for us. Consequently, this delays the plans He has in store for us.
- 4. When God instructs us to do something, we must not procrastinate. Let us take advantage of the opportunity to serve Him and to walk according to Holy Spirit's promptings. We should not be like mules or horses, controlled by bit or bridle (Ps. 32:9). There are two dangers when we hurry (without God's direction):
 - 4.1 Rushing in quickly. To prevent consequences of rushing, we should plan ahead with God's guidance.
 - 4.2 Holding back when God is ready to act. Let us not hesitate to do promptly what God tells us to do, for His blessings and graces are at hand.

Conclusion:

God's divine plan for everyone has already been set. Hurrying up will cause disturbance resulting in the delay of His will. No matter how preoccupied we are with our business, job or family, we can't hurry up nor delay what is in store for us, since everything is in accordance with God's will and time.

Reflection:

- 1. Do you seek God's will and are you willing to wait for its realization?
- **2**. Do you perceive that with every detail of your life i.e., frustration for the delay of your plea, God wants you to develop your virtue of patience?

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