

Why Wait?

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When our prayers do not seem to have a response, we sometimes get frustrated. Why is God silent? However, our lives are not just for ourselves. Our life is rooted in a journey together with Jesus. When we journey with someone, we need to wait. Waiting requires patience. There is wisdom in waiting. When we allow God to form us inside and out, that is wisdom.



Why is it important to wait?

1. We are waiting for God's concrete response.

1.1. Simeon, a righteous and devout man, was waiting for the coming of the Messiah. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. He was already in his 80s when he saw the Child Jesus presented in the temple, and he knew that He was the fulfillment of God's promise. "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations" (Luke 2:22-40).

1.2. Good things come to those who wait. God sends blessings or miracles through people. We just need a little waiting time so that the miracle becomes meaningful.

1.3. In Fr. Nebres' fundraising for a project and a church, he was so frustrated that nothing was happening even after three (3) years, that he was ready to quit. However, God sent friends who wanted confession and later asked him for projects to support. He did not even have to ask them for money. It was a humbling experience to experience God's blessing and miracle.

2. God is giving us time to be ready.

2.1. Every grace comes with responsibility. It is something that we need to be ready for. Thus, God wants to prepare us for the responsibility of the gift.

2.2. For example, a man had to break off his relationship because he was not ready to get married.

2.3. A lady parishioner who was already in her 40s trusted that God will give her a spouse. Fr. Nebres promised to sponsor the church ceremony if she gets married, thinking that it will not happen. However, she did meet her partner, got married and even had a child.

3. Let us trust God's timing.

3.1. The Sagrada Familia is a spectacular cathedral in Barcelona that was started in the late 1880s. But until now, more than a hundred years later, they are still building it; they did not have the technology in the beginning to create the design of Gaudi. Little by little, they are carving the details of the design which gives it the wow experience.

3.2. Similarly, each one of us is a work-in-progress. We do not know when we will be accomplished. Our character becomes beautiful if we allow God to form us. While we are still here, we need to trust God's timing to form us into the beautiful persons that He plans us to be, and to be instruments for His purpose. It will be a spiritual experience not only to us but to others as well.

Conclusion:

Let us trust and hope in God while waiting for His grace. Let us appreciate the moment while waiting until we truly experience His grace. It is always worth waiting for the graces that God will bestow on us.

Reflection:

1. How often have you given up when your prayers go unanswered?
2. While you're waiting, do you think you are ready for the grace and the responsibility?

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