

— Day 8 —

BETWEEN PROMISE & FULFILLMENT**Scriptures & Overview**

Habakkuk 2:3 *“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it testifies about the end and will not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late.”*

God’s promises unfold according to His timing, not ours. What feels like a delay to us is not a delay to Him. He sees the full story while we see only one chapter. Faith means moving forward even when we do not understand His schedule.

Isaiah 55:8–9 *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

God often answers differently than we expect—sometimes “yes,” sometimes “no” (to protect us), sometimes “not yet” (because He is preparing us), and sometimes with silence.

Psalms 27:14 *“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord.”*

Biblical waiting is not passive. It is active trust in God’s goodness.

Devotional

One of the hardest parts of following God is learning the difference between unanswered prayer and delayed prayer.

Many of us have prayed for good things—a spouse, a child, healing, restoration, or direction—and wondered why God seemed slow to respond. We assume that if He loves us, the answer should come quickly. Yet Scripture shows that God’s timing rarely matches ours. Abraham and Sarah waited until Abraham was 100 for Isaac. Joseph spent years in prison. Moses waited 40 years in the wilderness. We wait in good company.

I learned this through my own journey toward motherhood.

After a painful divorce, rejection, and loss, God gave me a clear vision: I saw myself holding hands with two children—a tall blonde boy and a smaller girl. A trusted prophet later confirmed it, saying simply, “She will bear two.”

I held tightly to that promise. Years passed. I endured two miscarriages, three breakups (with the man who is now my husband), and constant questions about when I would have children. The gap between the promise and reality often felt overwhelming.

That waiting season became preparation. God strengthened my faith, healed old wounds, deepened my dependence on Him, and taught me to trust His character more than my timeline. Had He answered on my schedule, I might have received the blessing without the necessary transformation.

Eventually the promise came. I held my son, then my daughter.

Many of us mistake delay for rejection. Sometimes God says “no” because He loves us too much to give us what would harm us. Sometimes He says “not in that way” because His plan is better. And sometimes He says “not yet” because He is preparing us for the very thing we desire.

Faith does not mean controlling God's timing. Faith means trusting His heart while we wait.

If you are carrying a seemingly unanswered prayer, do not lose heart. What feels like silence may be preparation. What feels like delay may be protection. What feels like absence is often God working behind the scenes for your good and His glory.

Trust Him in the waiting.

Reflection Questions

1. Is there a prayer you have assumed God denied when He may actually be saying "not yet"?
2. Looking back, can you identify a season when God's delay proved to be a blessing?
3. What would it look like to trust God's character even when His timing differs from your expectations?

Prayer

Lord, thank You that Your timing is perfect even when I do not understand it. Help me trust Your heart when my prayers seem unanswered. Give me patience when You say "not yet," wisdom when You say "not in that way," and peace when You say "no." Strengthen my faith in the waiting. Remind me that You are always working for my good. Teach me to rest in Your character rather than my circumstances. And when it is time to move, help me obey quickly. Amen.

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