



Message Study Guide

Introduction

Everything about our lives centers around time. Twenty four hours in every day, one hundred sixty eight hours in every week, seven hundred forty four hours in every month, and eight thousand seven hundred sixty hours in every year. Time stands still for no one. God thought enough about time to give it an origin in Genesis. According to Revelation, there will come a day when God will end time as we have known it. If time is important to God, then it should be important to us. Even something as small as being on time is challenging to many people today. But God has perfect timing in everything. He is never late. He is never early. He is never in a hurry. He is operating on His time. The hardest part for us is to remember that our time is not necessarily God's time.

More often than not, most of us have a difficult time accepting God's timing in our lives. This dissatisfaction results in asking God a difficult question that is designed to let God know that we are really not happy with His timing - "God, why now"? The challenge for all of us is to live our lives in light of the fact that God is sovereign and His timing is always perfect. The Bible declares that we were all born on time and that all of us will die according to His time table. Proverbs says that He has made all things beautiful in His time.

In today's message, Pastor Ron McCurry will examine God's perfect timing for our lives as we look at the second question in this brief three part series on "Why"? - Why Now? Trust in Him at all times, ye people. Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us. Selah (Psalm 62:8).

Discussion Points

Human nature tends to want everything right now. We are always in a hurry. Most of us don't understand God's time table. As a result, we become frustrated and end up complaining to God. But when we truly understand His time table, we can relax knowing that He is too good to do wrong, and too wise to ever make a mistake.

Discussion Questions

1. Can you remember any times when you thought God's timing was wrong in your life? Have your thoughts changed since that time? Make a list of the times you thought God's timing was wrong and how you came to realize His timing was indeed perfect.
2. Why do you think it is so difficult for us to actually live our lives in light of one of the most quoted verses of Scripture in the Bible in light of the truth of God's perfect timing? "And we know that all things work together for our good..." (Romans 8:28).
3. Most of the time, our controversy with God's timing is that He is always late. When we think God is late, we have a difficult time waiting. God never sees waiting as wasted or idle time. What life lessons have you learned from waiting on the lord during your life?
4. What can you learn from reading the following verses of Scriptures about God's perfect timing? Galatians 4:4-5; Ecclesiastes 3:1; Acts 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2,4; Acts 17:26; Acts 17:31; and Daniel 8:10.

Think About It

Accepting God's perfect timing is a liberating truth. When we know that God loves us and cares for us, it helps us to accept the fact that God will perform in all of us what He set out to do. His will and purpose will come to pass in all of us according to His time.

Do Something About It!

Understand that God is working in your life whether you actually see it or not. In fact, you could almost make the case that God works the most when we see it and feel it the least. Your situation may look the same as it did three months ago, but rest assured that God is at work.

Be Willing To Change

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).