



Timing is Everything

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Dear Friends,

“Timing is everything!” Have you ever heard that proverb? It implies that when something is done or said, or when a person is in the right place at the right time, success happens. Do you remember a time in your life when this proverb proved itself to be true?

I can think of the many times I avoided a car accident just because I was two seconds ahead or behind an approaching vehicle. Or I remember when we got the jump on a really cheap property listing before it became public. Then there are the more personal incidents when I have read something about God and then shortly after, I find myself in desperate need of him in just the way that he revealed himself earlier.

That’s what happened a few weeks ago. During a prayer time I asked God what he wanted to be praised for (by the way, let’s make a habit of asking God what he wants us to pray about before we launch into what we want to talk to him about, he might just surprise us with something far more important and life-changing). So I was asking God what he wanted me to praise him for and I sensed him saying that he wanted to be praised for his “timing”. This is what I then wrote: Yes, your timing is perfect, never early, never late. You see all of time and you are the mastermind behind the perfect schedule for my life, for the world’s life.

Little did I know what would happen in the following weeks. I can’t even count how many times I have returned to the FACT THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER TIME AND TIMING. He knew that I would need to trust him like never before with my families’ health, their spiritual, emotional, and physical health. He also knew that I would have to come to a deeper place of humility than ever before because of a couple of sources of criticism (which is never without its measure of truth and hurtfulness). Yet great joys were also interspersed between the heartaches of these few weeks – the pending wedding of my son to a wonderful woman, new kitchen countertops and back splash (I’ve waited 18 years for that!), and a productive study time away at our cabin, to mention a few.

Timing is everything. Perhaps it's even more accurate to say – God's timing is everything. Read the following verses to discover something about God's timing.

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

So if God knew the perfect timing for sending Jesus to live on the earth, to pay the death penalty for our sins by dying on the cross, and to be resurrected from the dead so that we could live with him forever, don't you think you and I can trust his timing for our daily lives?

What is happening in your life that seems beyond your ability to handle? What is happening in your life that seems too good to be true? Both are part of God's timing. Both are your opportunity to fully trust him, and therefore bring him glory. Trust him with your future. Trust him to mature you at the proper rate. Trust him to cry along with you. Trust him work everything for good. Trust him!!

Lamentations 3:22-24 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Blessings from Bev