Day 32

Trusting God's Perfect Timing

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1–11

Key Verse

"He has made everything appropriate in its time."
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Today's Devotional

Few things test our faith like waiting.

We naturally prefer quick answers, clear direction, and immediate results. Yet throughout Scripture, God repeatedly accomplishes His greatest work through seasons of waiting.

Abraham waited for Isaac.

Joseph waited in prison.

David waited to become king.

Israel waited for the Messiah.

The disciples waited in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In every case, God was not delaying because He had forgotten His people.

He was preparing them.

The same is true today.

As a church, it is understandable that we would eagerly anticipate the day when God reveals the Associate Pastor He has chosen. But we must remember that God's timing is never accidental. He is preparing the man. He is preparing his family. And He is preparing us.

There may be lessons we still need to learn.

There may be ministries that need to mature.

There may be relationships God is strengthening.

There may be opportunities we cannot yet see.

Waiting is never wasted in the hands of God.

Sometimes we mistakenly think that nothing is happening because nothing is visible.

But heaven is never inactive.

Our sovereign God is always working behind the scenes.

When the time is right, He will open the door no one else could open.

Our responsibility is not to force His timing.

Our responsibility is to trust Him.

Isaiah reminds us:

"Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength..." (Isaiah 40:31)

Waiting is not passive.

It is active dependence upon the Lord.

May these forty days teach us to trust God's calendar more than our own.

Think About It

1. Where do I struggle most with waiting?
2. How has God used previous seasons of waiting to strengthen my faith?
3. Am I willing to trust God's timing even when I do not understand it?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You that Your timing is always perfect.

Teach me to wait with confidence rather than anxiety.

Strengthen our Elders as they continue seeking Your direction.

Prepare the Associate Pastor You have already chosen, and prepare us to receive him with joy when the time is right.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from impatience today.

Whenever you begin to hurry, pause and quietly pray,

"Lord, I trust Your timing."

Prayer Focus

Pray that every step of the Associate Pastor search will unfold according to God's perfect timetable.