

DELAYED BY DESIGN

How God Builds Your Faith · Part 4

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*"When Pharaoh let the people go,
God did not lead them on the road...that was shorter.
For God said, 'If they face war,
they might change their minds and return to Egypt.'"*

Exodus 13:17 (NIV)

*"...God led you through the wilderness for forty years...
testing you to find out how you would respond
and if you would obey Him."*

Deuteronomy 8:2 (LB)

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING

1. DON'T _____

*"...[They] would not enter the land. [They] said... 'We are afraid...
The people there are stronger and taller than we are...'"*

Deuteronomy 1:26, 28 (GN)

INSTEAD: _____

*"Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God,
I will strengthen you and I will help you...and uphold you..."*

Isaiah 41:10 (LB)

2. DON'T _____

*"...On the way the people lost their patience and spoke against God
and Moses. They complained..."* **Numbers 21:4-5 (GN)**

"Impatience will get you into trouble." **Proverbs 19:2 (GN)**

INSTEAD: _____

*"Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him to act...
Don't fret and worry – it only leads to harm."*

Psalm 37:7-8 (LB)

"God has set the right time for everything."

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (GN)

3. DON'T _____

*"All the Israelites grumbled against Moses... 'If only we had died in
Egypt!... We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.'"*

Numbers 14:2-4

INSTEAD: _____

*"Let us never grow tired of doing what's right, for if we do not
faint, we'll reap a harvest at the right time."*

Galatian 6:9 (Mof)

*"One day Jesus told his disciples...that they must keep praying
until the answer comes."*

Luke 18:1 (LB)

4. DON'T _____

*"They forgot the many times God showed them his love, and they
rebelled against Him at the Red Sea. But He saved them as He
promised... But they quickly forgot again! They wouldn't wait for
God to act..."* **Psalms 106:7-8, 13 (GN)**

INSTEAD: _____

*"Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good
things He does for me."* **Psalms 103:2 (NLT)**

*"The Lord is not slow to do what He has promised...
Instead, He is patient with you..."* **2 Peter 3:9 (GN)**

*"These things won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely,
the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems
slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass.
Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!"*

Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)