



MESSAGE NOTES

All Things Beautiful in His Time

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Are you waiting for something you've been praying about for a very long time?

1. Things often look worse before they look better

Why is that? Why not just go from "good" to "better" without the "worse" part in between?

2. God has prepared things in advance for you

Preparation for what is coming can seem like a long time.

Don't give up when actually God is getting things prepared for you.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

3. We can't even imagine what God has prepared for us

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

Looking back we can be thankful for how God kept us from disaster. Things would have been bad if we had gotten things done in our own time and in our own way.

A Prayer for God's Timing. From pastor Rick Warren's Daily Hope — August 20th 2022.

Dear God,

Help me to be sensitive to your timing, to know when to go fast and to know when to be patient and wait. Help me to walk in the Spirit. Help me in both the steps of my life and the stops of my life. Sometimes you put a roadblock in front of me and stop me, help me to be patient and not worry. When there's a circumstance that slows me down, help me to trust you and see that it's a part of your timing. On the other hand, help me to take the steps as fast as possible when I need to trust you, when I need to obey you, and when I need to follow you.

In your name I pray.

Amen