When God lets us Wait – a Lesson in Faith | Mark 9:23

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“All things are possible for the one who believes.” (Mark 9:23)

God does not always answer our prayers immediately. For He wants not only to give us gifts, but to shape our faith. Faith grows through testing, patience, and perseverance. His goal is not only the fulfillment of our request, but a more mature trust in Him.

If the answer to your prayer does not come, hold fast to God’s word. Do not let your feelings or circumstances determine you. Precisely by holding on to His promises despite apparent contradictions, your faith becomes stronger.

Sometimes God’s delay is already part of His answer. He works on our heart during the time of waiting.

This is how God dealt with Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and especially with Joseph. It was not the prison that was Joseph’s greatest test, but God’s promise. God had announced greatness to him, yet each new day seemed to make that promise more impossible.

And yet Joseph held on. When God’s time finally came, He had shaped him into a man who could meet his brothers with love, wisdom, and patience.

If God has promised something and yet for a long time nothing seems to happen, that is often one of the hardest tests of all. But it is precisely this school of faith that leads us to a deeper knowledge of God than we could ever gain by any other way.

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