

Do You Feel Like God Has Forgotten You?

You've prayed. You've fasted. You've done all you know to do, but you're still waiting for the answer to your prayer. The good news is, even though you're waiting, God has the best answer, simply because God's timing is always perfect and He never fails. God knows the best time for your answer to be released.

Back in my childhood days, I would meet all my friends at the playground to play basketball. I wasn't as athletic as the rest of my friends, but I would still get out there and try to play. One thing that would disappoint me, though, was the process of picking teams. One group would stand on the left, one group would stand on the right, and they would call their team members by name. I was always so disappointed because out of all the friends who would stand and wait for their names to be called, I was always the last pick for a team. It was never up to me whose team I would be on. I would just have to deal with winning or losing. I can laugh about it now, but I would often end up on the losing team.

As believers, we are never God's last choice. You have to see yourself as God's first choice. You may say, "If I am God's first choice, why have I been waiting so long?" It may feel like everybody else is being picked for the team while you stand by and wait, as if you are God's last choice. The truth is, you are God's favorite choice. You were born as God's number-one pick. You are on the right team, the winning team, when you agree with God's timing for delivering you into the next season.

I'll admit that one of the hardest things to do while waiting on God's blessing is to watch others be blessed. Sometimes it's hard to listen to everybody else give their testimony of

victory while you sit waiting to testify. It takes strength and maturity to be able to stay in position, knowing that God's best is still being prepared for you.

In this waiting season you want to win, but you can't be weak and start rushing God. Rushing God is like trying to manipulate Him into releasing your blessing. This is very dangerous. When you're on the right team (His team), it means you're on the winning team. And most of the time, the winning team has the best coach. Your coach is God—the One who is perfect in all His ways, the One who makes no mistakes. It's much like a professional football team. They may lose the first few games of the season, but if they follow the coach, learn the playbook and are patient, they could win the Super Bowl.

It may feel as if you're losing right now, but trust me, if you're on the Lord's side, you are on the winning side. You are on the right team. Being a part of God's family is one of the greatest positions to be in. Whatever you are waiting for God to do, when you're on the right team, you can believe that you already have it. You can wait and still rejoice, knowing that it's already done. You don't have to wait until the battle is over; when you're on the right team, you can rejoice in advance, knowing that you've already won!

In the Lord's team, there are no egos. There is no jealousy. So while you're waiting for your blessing, learn how to celebrate the blessings of your teammates. The Bible says to rejoice with those who rejoice! A good team knows how to celebrate the victory of another teammate because when one wins, they all win.

So don't be down in your waiting season. Get excited about the fact that you are on God's team. Get excited about the fact that you agree with your Coach, and whatever He says you'll do, knowing that everything is going to be all right.

What words are you speaking over yourself while you wait? I want to challenge you right now: Don't you dare agree with the enemy and speak words against your future blessings. Get in agreement with God and speak His Word over your life and future. Your words can either inspire you or destroy you. God's Word will destroy the enemy's plan against your life. His Words inspire you and push you to the next level. So be careful with your words.

In your waiting season, bring yourself into agreement with God by surrendering to Him, trusting Him and following (obeying) His Word. This way, you can't lose.

✘ *Adapted from Everybody Wants to Win but Nobody Wants to Wait by Marcus Gill, © 2017, published by Charisma House. This book will encourage you to trust God's timing, be patient while you wait, worship for breakthrough, and develop a vision, plan and goal in the process. To order your copy click on this link.*

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This week, thank the Lord for teaching you His ways and helping you live in agreement with His Word. Meditate on His precepts so that you can discern His voice from the enemy's. Yield to the Holy Spirit and surrender your will to His. Continue to pray for the nation and its leaders, our spiritual leaders, those who have suffered great losses through crime, terrorism, natural disaster and disease. Remember our allies and ask the Lord to make you a blessing during this holiday season (2 Cor. 10:5; Heb. 12:1-2; Ps. 19:14).