

When Faith Requires Waiting

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2 Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” **3** So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.**4** He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods,[b] Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” **6** So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

7 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. **8** They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

How Long Was Moses on the Mountain?

40 days and nights

When Excuses Become Our Reality, They Also Become Our Gaoler.

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You Only Need One Thing During Timing Issues: Faith

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

God Promised Three Things, Free Them, Judge Egypt and Teach Them Faith.

Today’s problem is that we want what we want and we want it now.

How Do We Get Faith That Leads to Patience?

Colossians 1:9

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,...

We Strive to Know God and Listen to His Spirit

Colossians 1:10

...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ...

Ask For God’s Strength

Colossians 1:11

...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,...

Celebrate Gods Victories and Worship Before He Answers and Provides

Colossians 1:12

...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

In All Things There Is a Purpose

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. **5** For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. **6** If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. **7** And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

What Does the Other Side of Patient Endurance and Faith Look Like

Romans 8:27-29

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.