

Stepping Into...

“God’s Timing”

“It is a wonderful and necessary fact of political biology that we never know when our time is up.”

‘Boris Johnson had these prophetic words – his own – quoted back to him by *MP Munira Wilson* during PMQs on Wednesday, the day before he announced his resignation.’

Tim Dowling, *The Guardian*, 7 July 2022

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1. God Created Shape and Time

Genesis 1:1-4 NLT

- ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- ² The **earth was formless and empty**, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³ Then **God said, “Let there be light,”** and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then **he separated the light from the darkness.**
- ⁵ God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

2. God Works to His Own Plan

Genesis 18:1-2, 9-10 NLT

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby...

⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. ¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you **about this time next year**, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

3. God Has 'Appointed' Times (*Divine Shift*)

Genesis 18:11-14 NLT

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord (*Abraham*) is old, will I now have this pleasure?'

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?"

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.'

4. Principles of God's Timing

He Keeps His Own Calendar: 2 Peter 3:8 (NLT)

⁸ But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

He Requires our Patience: Psalm 37:7 (NLT)

⁷ Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act.

5. “God’s Way is Perfect” (Ps 18:30)

Galatians 4:4 (NLT)

⁴ But when **the right time** (*Chronos*) came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Romans 9:9 (NLT)

⁹ For God had promised, “I will return about **this time** (*Kairos*) **next year**, and **Sarah will have a son.**”

6. Can People Miss Divine 'Moments'?

Matt 25:3-4, 10 (NLT) *Parable of 10 Bridesmaids*

³ The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, ⁴ but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.

¹⁰ "But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then **those who were ready** went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.

7. Discover Kingdom Rhythm (Timing)

a) **Let God Change Me:** Psalm 40:3 (NLT)

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD.

b) **Let His Richness Fill Me:** Colossians 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives... Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

c) **Let His Love Be Seen In Me:** Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

⁴ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time (*Kairos*) we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

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