



Why Does It Takes So Long to Get Past Your Limitations (It Takes Time to Prepare and Mature)

Text: Mark 8:22-26

Series: Believing You Can See

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Series Map:

1. **Seeing** Beyond Your Limitations (Mark 10:46-52)
2. **Partnering** Beyond Your Limitations (Two Blind Men: Matthew 9:27-31)
3. **Misunderstanding** Your Limitations (John 9:1-41)
4. **Why It Takes So Long to Get Past Your Limitations (Mark 8:22-26)**

Balancing Thought: You will never see everything perfectly. You will always grow in your ability to see; you will always be walking by faith and not by sight.

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22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" 24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." 25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village." (NIV)

Statement: Some people never get beyond their limitations because they are not prepared to mature and grow.

Introduction:

- Acknowledge the discomfort of waiting.
- God's timing often involves **preparation, maturity, and process.**

I. Biblical Examples of People Who Waited and Matured

1. Noah (Genesis 5:32; Genesis 7:6)

- **Insight:** Noah was 500 years old when he began having children, and 600 when the flood came and he entered the ark. That's 100 years of parenting, building, and preparing before the promise was fulfilled.
- **Application:** God may give you a vision today that won't be fulfilled for decades.

2. Abraham (Genesis 12)

- **Insight:** Called by God at age 75 and promised to become a great nation, but didn't see the full fulfillment in his lifetime.
- **Application:** Obedience doesn't always yield immediate results.

3. Moses (Exodus 2–3)

- **Insight:** Spent 40 years in Pharaoh's palace, 40 in the desert, then led Israel at age 80.
- **Application:** Delays are not denials — they are development.

4. Joshua (Numbers 14, Joshua 1)

- **Insight:** Spent 40 years in the wilderness. According to Numbers 14:29–30, only those under 20 survived the wilderness judgment — Joshua and Caleb were exceptions. This means Joshua was at least 60-plus years old when he became leader.
- **Application:** Faithfulness through a long season precedes impactful leadership.

5. Caleb

- **Reference:** Joshua 14:10–12
- **Insight:** Caleb was 85 years old when he asked for and received the mountain God promised.
- **Application:** Age is not a limitation when you carry God's promise.

6. Jesus (Luke 3:23)

- **Insight:** Jesus began His public ministry at age 30 after years of quiet preparation and obedience.
- **Application:** Even the Savior did not rush divine timing.

7. Peter (Matthew 16:23, Matthew 26:69–75)

- **Insight:** Likely in his 30s when called. He grew through both failure and faith to become a foundational leader in the early Church.
- **Application:** Maturity is built over time, not overnight.

II. Three Key Lessons From Those Who Waited

- God works through seasons.
- Faith requires endurance.
- Preparation precedes promotion.



Closing Thoughts: Reasons Why God Made Me Wait So Long

1. I would not have **believed** Him until...
2. I would have been too **afraid** until...
3. I would not have been **focused** enough until...
4. I would not have been **disciplined** enough to manage this opportunity until...
5. I would not have been **entrepreneurial** enough to build certain things until...
6. I would not have been **knowledgeable** enough until...
7. I would not have been a **wise** enough leader until...

“Waiting to get past your limiting season isn’t wasted time — it’s preparation time. God was never late. He was just making us ready.” (Anonymous Inspirational Quote)

Next Time: Believe You Can Get Up Again (John 5:1-15)

Question: Do You Want to Be Well?