

IMPERFECT TIMING

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GOD TAKES WHAT SEEMS LESS THAN PERFECT FROM A HUMAN PERSPECTIVE AND ALWAYS ACCOMPLISHES HIS PERFECT PLAN.

Matthew 1:18–19 (NLT) [18] This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. [19] Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Luke 2:1–4 (NLT) [1] At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. [2] (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) [3] All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. [4] And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

WHAT OFTEN FEELS LIKE BAD TIMING TO US IS GOD'S PERFECT TIMING.

THREE TRUTHS:

1) God's timing is _____.

Romans 5:6 (NLT) [6] When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

Galatians 4:4–5 (NLT) [4] But when the right time 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.

Micah 5:2 (NLT) [2] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

GOD HAS HIS HAND IN THE TIMING OF EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE.

2) God accomplishes His perfect timing in ways that will _____
_____ to us.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT) [8] “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. [9] For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

3) We need to _____ to always do what is best for us at the right time.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) [5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. [6] Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

GOD IS “BIG PICTURE” AND HIS PLANS GO WAY BEYOND JUST WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR LIVES.

MOST OF WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR LIVES IS NOT JUST ABOUT US. IT IS ABOUT OTHERS AND WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO IN THEIR LIVES.

WE EXPERIENCE HOPE, JOY, AND PEACE REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN WE CHOOSE TO TRUST GOD TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PERFECT PLAN AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.