



CHAPTER TWELVE

TRUSTING IN GOD'S TIMING

In the art of running, there is a constant struggle between pushing ourselves beyond our limits and trusting in God's timing. In *Ecclesiastes 3:11*, it is said,

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end”.

This verse serves as a reminder that everything happens in its own time, and we must trust in God's plan even when we can't see the bigger picture.

I remember the first time I laced up my running shoes and stepped out into the open road. The sun was beginning to rise, casting a warm glow over the horizon. My heart was filled with excitement and anticipation as I set off on my journey. As I ran, my mind raced with thoughts of all the things I wanted to achieve and the goals I had set for myself. But little did I know that God had a different plan in store for me.

Friends, as I continue to run, I was met with challenges and obstacles that I never could have anticipated. I faced injuries, setbacks, and moments of doubt that tested my faith in both myself and in God's timing. But through it all, I hope onto the words of *Ecclesiastes 3:11*, trusting that God had a purpose for every moment of my journey.

There were days when I wanted to give up, when the finish line seemed impossibly far away. But in those moments of darkness, I turned to scripture for guidance and strength. In *Psalms 28: 1*, it is written,

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord”.

These words echoed in my heart, reminding me to be patient and to trust in God's timing, even when it seems like the wait would never end.

I began to see the beauty that God has woven into every step I took, as I persevered through the trials and tribulations of my running journey. I witnessed the sunrise over the mountains, felt the cool breeze on my face, and heard the birds

singing their joyful songs. Each moment was a reminder that God's timing was perfect, and that he had a purpose for every struggle and every triumph I faced.

In *Romans 8: 28*, it is written,

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose”.

This verse served as a beacon of hope for me, a reminder that God was using every step of my journey to shape me into the person he had called me to be. It was a reminder that even in the moment of pain and uncertainty, God was working behind the scenes to bring about something beautiful.

Brethren, as I continued to run, I began to embrace the rhythm of the road, the cadence of my breath, and the beating of my heart. I found solace in the repetitive motion of my feet heating the pavement, a reminder that even in the chaos of life, there was a sense of order and purpose to be found. In *Psalms 46: 10*, it is written,

“Be still and know that I am God”.

These words became my mantra as I ran, a reminder to quiet my mind and trust in the divine timing of the universe.

Beloved friends! And so I ran on, through the valley and over the hills, knowing that every step was leading me closer to God's plan for my life. I found strength in the words of *Isaiah 40: 31*,

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”.

These words lifted me up when my legs felt heavy and my spirit felt weak, reminding me that God was my source of strength and endurance.

Tears streaming down my face, I felt a profound sense of gratitude and awe, as I crossed the finish line of my first marathon. I knew that God had been with me every step of the way, guiding me, shaping me, and preparing me for his moment. In that moment of victory, I realized that God's timing was indeed perfect, and that every trial and tribulation has led me to this place of triumph.

In the art of running, as in life, there will always be moments of struggle and moments of joy. But through it all, we must trust in God's timing, knowing that he had a purpose for every step we take. As *Ecclesiastes 3:11* reminds us:

“He has made everything beautiful in its time”.

May we run with faith, with perseverance, and with a deep trust in the God who holds our times in his hands.

Furthermore, *Ecclesiastes 3:1* says

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”

This verse reminds us that everything in life has its own time and season. Just like the changing seasons of the year, our life goes through different seasons as well. There are times of sorrow, times of growth and times of waiting. Each season has its own purpose and significance, and we must trust in God's timing for all things.

Trusting God's timing is not always easy. We live in a fast-paced society where we want everything

instantly. We don't like to wait or be patient. However, God's timing is perfect and he knows what is best for us. We must learn to surrender our own plans and desires to him and trust that he will work everything out for our good.

FAITH:

One of the key aspects of trusting in God's timing is having faith. *Hebrews 11:1* tells us,

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”.

Faith is believing that God is in control and that he will make everything beautiful in His time. We may not always understand why things happen the way they do, but we can trust that God has a plan for us and that he will never leave us or forsake us.

HUMILITY:

Another important aspect of trusting in God's timing is humility. *Proverbs 3: 5-6* says,

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways

acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”.

We must humble ourselves before God and acknowledge that his ways are higher than our ways. We may not always understand why certain things happen. But we can trust that God is always working behind the scenes for our good.

PATIENCE:

Trusting in God's timing also requires patience. ***Psalm 27:14*** says

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

Patience is a virtue that is often tested when we are waiting for God's timing to unfold. We must learn to wait on the Lord with your steadfast heart and unwavering faith. God may not always work on our timetable, but we can trust that His timing is always perfect.

A great example of trusting in God's timing is found in the story of Joseph in the Bible. Joseph endured many trials and hardships, including being sold into slavery by his own brothers and being falsely accused and thrown into prison.

However, through it all, Joseph trusted in God's timing and remained faithful to Him. In the end, God elevated Joseph to a position of power and authority in Egypt, and he was able to save his family from a severe famine. Joseph's story reminds us that God's timing is always perfect, even when we can't see it in the moment.

Friends, trusting in God's time is not always easy, but it is essential for our spiritual growth and maturity. As we surrender our plans and desires to God, have faith in his promises, humble ourselves before him, and wait patiently for his timing to unfold, we will experience his goodness and faithfulness in ways we never thought possible.

May we always remember *Ecclesiastes 3:1* and trust that there is a time and season for everything under heaven and that God's timing is always perfect.

In conclusion, trusting in God's timing is an art that requires faith, humility, patience, and surrender. Great Ones! As we navigate through the various seasons of life, may we always remember that God is in control and his timing is perfect. Let us trust in Him with all our hearts, knowing that he will make all things beautiful in His time. Then, as we run the

race set before us, may we run with endurance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. May we always remember that there is a time and season for everything under heaven, and that God's timing is always perfect.