

Delayed But Not Denied!

Delayed But Not Denied is a prophetic message filled with hope, restoration, and unwavering faith in God's perfect timing.

- If you've ever felt stuck in a holding pattern, *Delayed but Not Denied* is the word you've been waiting for.
- While delay is uncomfortable, it is never denial in the Kingdom of God.

Delayed But Not Denied takes this promise and unpacks the reality that *every believer will face seasons* where it seems like God is silent.

- But those seasons are not wasted—
- *They're the soil in* which purpose, faith, and trust are developed.

The message begins with Habakkuk 2:3: *"Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."*

Habakkuk 2:1-4 - The Just Shall Live by Faith - 2 I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart and watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.

The Just Live by Faith - 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³ ***For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.*** ⁴ "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

We will unpack the pain and purpose of waiting.

We will always have seasons of struggles and testing.

- *There are times when* everything we attempt to do will seem to go wrong.
- Regardless of our prayers and consecration, adversity will come.
- We can't pray away God's seasons.
- God doesn't operate on our timetable-
- He works by divine appointment...

The Lord has a purpose in not allowing us to be fruitful all the time.

We need seasons of struggle - *These periods destroy our pride in our own ability and reinforce our dependency on the sufficiency of our God.*

- What a shock it is to find that ***the same person who was fruitful*** at one period ***experienced struggle*** at other times.
- When God sends *unexpected circumstances*, we must still ***trust Him***.

Paul calls such times: **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** - For ***our light affliction***, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. ***For the things which are seen are temporary***, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- "This too shall pass!"
- Some things ***you are not meant to change***, but to survive.

Temporary setbacks create opportunities for fresh commitment and renewal.

If you were to record your accomplishments, you would *notice that they were seasonal*.

There are seasons of *sunshine* as well as rain.

Pleasure comes, then pain, and vice versa. Each stage has ***its own purpose***.

One of the greatest struggles I have encountered is - The temptation to make ***permanent*** decisions based on ***temporary*** circumstances.

"Patience is a tree whose root is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."

- The reward of patience is reflected *in gradually not having to amend your amendments*.
- ***Temporary circumstances*** do not always require action.
- I have found that ***prayer brings us patience***.
- ***Patience*** results from ***trust***.
- We ***cannot trust a God we don't talk with***.

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Our struggle is in waiting for the appointment we have with destiny.

- God is a God of order; He does everything by appointment.
- An appointment is a meeting already set up.
- God has already prepared a way of escape.
- Our comfort is in knowing that we have an appointment with destiny.

It is the inner awareness that makes us realize that despite temporary circumstances, God has a present time of deliverance.

We are enveloped in peace when we know that nothing the enemy does can abort the plan of God for our lives.

Psalm 31:15 - My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

- There is a sense of tranquility that comes from resting in the Lord.
- His appointment for us is predetermined.
- Peace comes from knowing God has included us in His plan.

I Knew one day *I was going to have an encounter with God*. I didn't know how, but somehow I sensed that God had a purpose for my life.

I believe that there is an ordination in all of us to accomplish certain things for the Lord in our lives.

- I cannot say that everything I encountered in my life pushed me toward my destiny.
- On the contrary, there were sharp contradictions as I went through my tempestuous life.
- Still, *I had that inner knowing*, too deep to be explained.

Even if circumstances contradict purpose, purpose will always prevail!

It is the opposition that clearly demonstrates to you that God is working.

When all indicators say it is impossible, and it still occurs – (But GOD)
then you know God has done it again!

Perhaps something may seem impossible today and the truth is far away:
Truth smashed down to the ground will rise again undaunted!"

It may seem impossible, but God knows how to make all things work together
for good to them that love the Lord. (Romans.8:28)

In Genesis, the Lord promised Eve a seed.

He Said: Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And
between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise
His heel."

When Eve produced what she may have thought to be *the promised seed*, there
were real problems.

Her eldest son, Cain, was extremely jealous of her younger son, Abel.

- In the heat of rage, Cain killed his brother.
- In one swoop of jealousy, all of Eve's dreams lay bleeding on the ground.
- Now her eldest son was a criminal on the run... (Cain)
- Her younger son snuffed out in the prime of life. (Able)
- Bleak despair pressed upon the heart of this mother.
- She was supposed to be the mother of all living –
- And all she had raised was a corpse and its murderer.

God unwrapped the blanket of failure from around her and blessed her with
another son.

His name is "Seth." *Seth* means "substituted."

It comes from the Greek word *shiyth*, which means to appoint or place.

As she held her new baby in her arms, she began to realize that God is sovereign.

If God said it, even if everything looks dead (like EVE'S hope after losing Abel)
He will raise it up again-just like He gave her Seth....

Your blessing may not come in the way you thought it would.

- It may not come through the person you thought it would.
- But if God said it, then rest assured.

It may be delayed, but it cannot be denied.

Eve called her third son "Seth," for *she understood that if God makes a promise to bless someone, He will find a way!*

Even if it means appointing a substitute, He will perform His promise.

God's promise was not aborted when Cain killed Abel.

Even though life has its broken places, ultimately everything God has ever said will come to pass.

? Have you ever had to go through a time of attack?

Satan tries to assassinate the will of God in your life!!!

Nevertheless: Philippians 1:6 - Being confident of this very thing, *that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

When we suffer loss like Eve did, there is a feeling of forsakenness.

We cannot allow past circumstances to abort future opportunities.

- If you have **experienced loss** in your life -
- **God has a way of restoring things** you thought you would never see again.

Genesis 4:25 - A New Son - And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."

- We're fully cognizant of the fact that we have a limited amount of time.
- What disturbs me most is not the quantity of life, but **the quality of life**.

When death comes to push me through its window from time into eternity,

- I want to feel as though I accomplished something worthwhile.
- I want to feel that **my life makes some positive statement**.

It would be terrible to **look back over your life** and see that ***the many times you thought your request was denied- they were only delayed.***

Life will always present broken places, places of struggle and conflict.

- **If you have a divine purpose** and life has put you on hold, **hang on!**
- **Stay on the line** until life gets back to you.
- **It's worth the wait** to receive your answer from the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3 - Faith Persevering in Trial - I waited patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined to me, **And heard my cry.** 2 He also ***brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.*** 3 He has **put a new song in my mouth**—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear And will trust in the Lord.

The real test of faith is in facing that silence of being put on hold.

- Those are the suspended times of indecision.
- Have you ever faced those times when your life seemed stagnant?
- All of us have faced days that **seemed as though God had forgotten us**.
- These are the moments **that feel like eternity**.
- ***Patience gets a workout*** when God's answer is no answer.
- ***God's answer is not always*** yes or no; sometimes He says, "**Not now!**"

It is God's timing that we must learn. He synchronizes His answers to accomplish His purpose.

Occasionally while traveling on a major airline, you are told that the plane will not be able to land at its scheduled time. The air traffic controller at that time will instruct the pilot to maintain a holding pattern in the air. What a strange place to have to wait; in the air!

I don't know about you, but I have often felt like that aircraft suspended in the air when **God says, "Wait!"** Then the captain speaks on the PA system. He says, "***We are going to assume a holding pattern until further instructions come from the tower.***" I guess we would have to attribute it to the fact that they had prepared for a delay.

I wonder if *we as the children of God shouldn't be better prepared* for those times in our lives when God speaks, "*Assume a holding pattern until further notice.*"

The question is not always, "*Do you have enough faith to receive?*"

Sometimes it is this: "*Do you have enough faith to assume a holding pattern and wait for the fulfillment of the promise?*"

You feel a deep sense of contentment when you know God hasn't forgotten you.

- I will never forget the times *I went through tremendous struggles.*
- I thought *it was an emergency.*
- I thought *I had to have an answer right then.*
- I learned that God is not easily spooked by what I call an emergency.

While struggling in my heart to understand why He had not readily answered my request, I stumbled upon a word that brought streams into my desert.

Genesis 8:1 - Noah's Deliverance - *Then God remembered Noah,* and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

- The *first four words* of that verse is all that is needed.

When you realize that God knows where you are and that He will get back to you in time --- what peace, what joy!

- Before Noah ran out of resources and provisions, God remembered him!

The Lord knows where you are...

- He knows how much you have left in reserve.
- Just before you run out, God will send the wind to blow back the waters of impossibility and provide for you.

The real ammunition, four powerful words: *But God remembered Noah!*

When working with people, we often must remind them that we are still there.
They seem to readily forget who you are or what you did. God doesn't!

Don't confuse your relationship with Him, with your relationship with people.

Hebrews 6:10 - For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

- God's records are so complete that **the hairs on you head are numbered**.
- They are not just counted.
- Counted would mean He simply knows how many.
- No, they are numbered, meaning He knows which hair is in your comb!
- How much more **would God watch over you** if He already watches the numerical order of your hair?
- **God's mind is full of you.**
- Even in those moments of absolute stagnation in your life –
- **He is working an expected end for your good.**

When Noah had been held up long enough to accomplish what was necessary for his good, God sent the wind.

There is a wind that comes from the Presence of God.

It blows back the hindrances and dries the ground beneath your feet.

The wind of the Holy Spirit often comes as a sign to you from the control tower.
You have been cleared for landing!

Whenever the breath of the Almighty breathes a fresh anointing on you, it is a divine indication of a supernatural deliverance.

Regardless of the obstacle in your life, there is a wind from God that can bring you out.

Let the wind of the Lord blow down every spirit of fear and heaviness that would cause you to give up on what God has promised you.

The description of the Holy Spirit says He is as "a rushing mighty wind."
For every mighty problem in your life, there is a mighty rushing wind!

Now, a normal wind can be blocked out. If you close the door and lock the windows, the wind just passes over without changing the building.

But if the wind is a mighty rushing wind, it will blow down the door and break in the windows.

There is a gusty wind from the Lord that is too strong to be controlled!

- It will **blow back the Red Sea!**
- It will **roll back the Jordan River!**
- It will **blow dry the wet, marshy, flooded lands** as in the days of Noah!
- God's wind is still ultra-effective against every current event **in your life!**

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God is not just aware—He is active, preparing a mighty wind to bring deliverance.

This a challenge to trust God when there's no visible sign of progress.

It's a call to embrace the process, to see patience not as punishment but as preparation.

Let's invokes the Holy Spirit wind—a *rushing mighty wind*—that can blast through locked doors and break through every blockade.

The promise may be delayed, but it will never be denied.