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SERMON TITLE: WHEN GOD, WHEN?
Learning to trust God's perfect timing

SCRIPTURE: James 1 v 4

But let endurance and steadfastness and **patience** have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be (people] perfectly and fully developed [in your faith] [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

We all want good things to happen in our lives - but too often we want it NOW!! Not later, and when it doesn't happen that way we are tempted to ask: "When God, when?"
Ecc 3 v 2 -13

The tendency to always want to know about everything that's going on, can be a deterrent to our Christian walk-Rom 1 v 16 & 17.

Wait with patience

God wants us to live by discernment (Revelation knowledge) not head knowledge. It's difficult to get discernment if you're always trying to figure out everything ... or presume to know it all...or to be un-teachable ...
Rom 4 v 17-20. 1 Cor 2 v 1-5

Isa 40 v 28-31 -Those who **wait** on the Lord

Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Gal 5:22

We spend a lot of our lives waiting, simply because **change is a process...**
Rom 12 v 1 & 2)

Patience is developed only under trial, so don't run from difficult situations - James 1 v 4.

Learn to trust and accept God's timing:

God is never late ... but He is not usually early either - Ecc 3 v 11 - He has made everything beautiful in its time.

God gives hope and dreams for certain things to happen in our lives - but again, He doesn't always allow us to see the exact time - The just shall live by faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God (read at home the life of Joseph ... Gen 37.

How or what to do while waiting:

- A. Stand on the promise of the Word Jesus said "it is written"
- B. Hold fast your confession of faith. Heb 10:22
- C. Praise God with thanksgiving with respect to the promise in the word.
(Write it down)

God is faithful - Prov 16 v 9, Rom 4 v 20 & 21