

GROWING IN FAITH

LESSON 15 GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT



□ **SCRIPTURE:**

Joshua 10:7-14; John 7:6; Romans 5:6; Acts 8:26-35; Isaiah 53:7-8; Isaiah 51:22b; Isaiah 54:4b

□ **MEMORY VERSE:**

Psalm 90:2—Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

□ **KEY THEMES:**

God created time and perfectly times His purposes.

□ **LOOK AND SEE:**

Read *Genesis 22:1-14*. How did God provide for Abraham and Isaac? Was His timing perfect? Read *Acts 1:6-8* and *Acts 2:1-4*. What did God say in *Acts 1:6-8* that would tell you that God's timing is known by Him and is perfect? Did God provide power when the time was right (*Acts 2:1-4*)?

□ **TALK:**

Talk with Mom or Dad about times when you were impatient with God's timing. Also talk about whether we always see the rightness of God's timing and why.

□ **PRAY:**

Pray that you would be open to God's timing rather than your own. Also pray that God would bring it to your mind to pray when you feel impatient with what God is doing.

□ **JOURNAL:**

Write about why the character of God insures that His timing is perfect.

WHAT IF THEY'D BEEN ON TIME?

By Noël Piper

“My dad is *never* late!” the boy exclaimed. “Well, there was one time he was late – a long time ago when he was a college student. And my mom was late, too. Only she wasn’t my mom then. They didn’t even know each other yet.

“They walked into the church entryway at the same time, and they had to stand outside the sanctuary and wait till the preacher finished praying. My dad (only he wasn’t my dad yet) looked at her, and she looked at him. He gulped and said, ‘May I sit with you?’ She said, ‘Sure!’

“Then, after church, they sort of walked out together, and walked back toward the college together. It was lunchtime, so he gulped again and said, ‘Do you want to eat together in the dining hall?’ She said, ‘Sure!’

“Well, that’s how it all began. That’s how my parents met each other and started to fall in love. Just because they were both late to the same place.

“I wonder what God did to make them late? Maybe Mom went back to sleep after the alarm rang. Or maybe she walked slowly because God made the flowers along the way so beautiful. Maybe Dad’s phone rang just as he was walking out of his room. Or maybe he stopped to help someone along the way. I don’t know what happened, but somehow God made my Mom late and my Dad late – and he’s *never* late.

“Just imagine if it had never happened! What if they’d both been on time to church and gone in to sit with their regular friends? What if they’d both been late to church, but one of them was way, way later? What if Mom had been late, but Dad had been on time, as usual? They wouldn’t have met, and fallen in love, and gotten married. I wouldn’t even be here! God sure has great timing!”

(Suggestion: Ask your parents how God brought them together.)