

**Wait** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **for it**  
\_\_\_\_\_●



# Three common responses in the delay ---



# Three common responses in the delay

---

God is uninterested  
and His focus is on  
something or  
someone else.

# Three common responses in the delay

---

God is uninterested  
and His focus is on  
something or  
someone else.

---

I have forfeited  
God's favor.



# Three common responses in the delay

---

God is uninterested  
and His focus is on  
something or  
someone else.

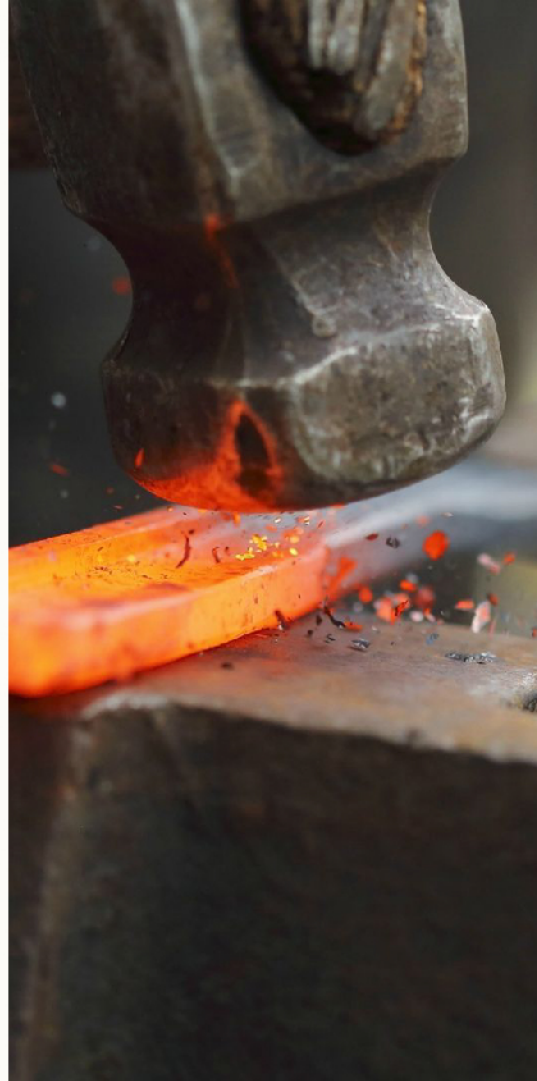
---

I have forfeited  
God's favor.

---

If anything is going  
to happen, I have to  
make it happen  
myself.

**Even though delays  
are difficult and often  
painful they have the  
potential to produce  
something valuable in  
our lives. —————●**













United States

SIDE 1

We're Behind You, Discovery!

USA





**We are enamored with speed;**  
**God is enamored with process.**



# A story of delayed destiny —●



# Genesis 39:1-4 NLT

---

<sup>1</sup>When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.

## **Genesis 39:1-4 NLT**

---

<sup>3</sup>Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. <sup>4</sup>This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

# Genesis 39:6-9 NLT

---

<sup>6</sup>So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!

Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, <sup>7</sup>and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded.

# Genesis 39:6-9 NLT

---

<sup>8</sup>But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. <sup>9</sup> No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

# Genesis 39:10-12 NLT

---

<sup>10</sup>She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. <sup>11</sup>One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. <sup>12</sup>She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, “Come on, sleep with me!” Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.



## Genesis 39:19-21 NLT

---

<sup>19</sup>Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. <sup>20</sup>So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. <sup>21</sup>But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love.

# Hebrews 10:23 NLT

---

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

## **Genesis 40:14 NLT**

---

<sup>14</sup>And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place.

**A delay has the potential to position you to be exactly where God wants you to be. —————●**



---

**And you know what  
happened...**

---

---

**And you know what  
happened...nothing.**

---



# **Genesis 41:1 NLT**

<sup>1</sup>Two full years later, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing on the bank of the Nile River.

**With God, nothing is ever  
wasted, even our waiting has  
purpose.** \_\_\_\_\_●



# What to hold on to in the midst of your delay



**Hold on to the  
Promise Maker  
and the Promise  
Keeper.** —————●

## Philippians 1:6 NLT

<sup>6</sup>And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

**Hold on to peace.**

---

## John 16:33 NLT

<sup>33</sup> “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

## Hold on to His timing. —————●

### Galatians 6:9a NLT

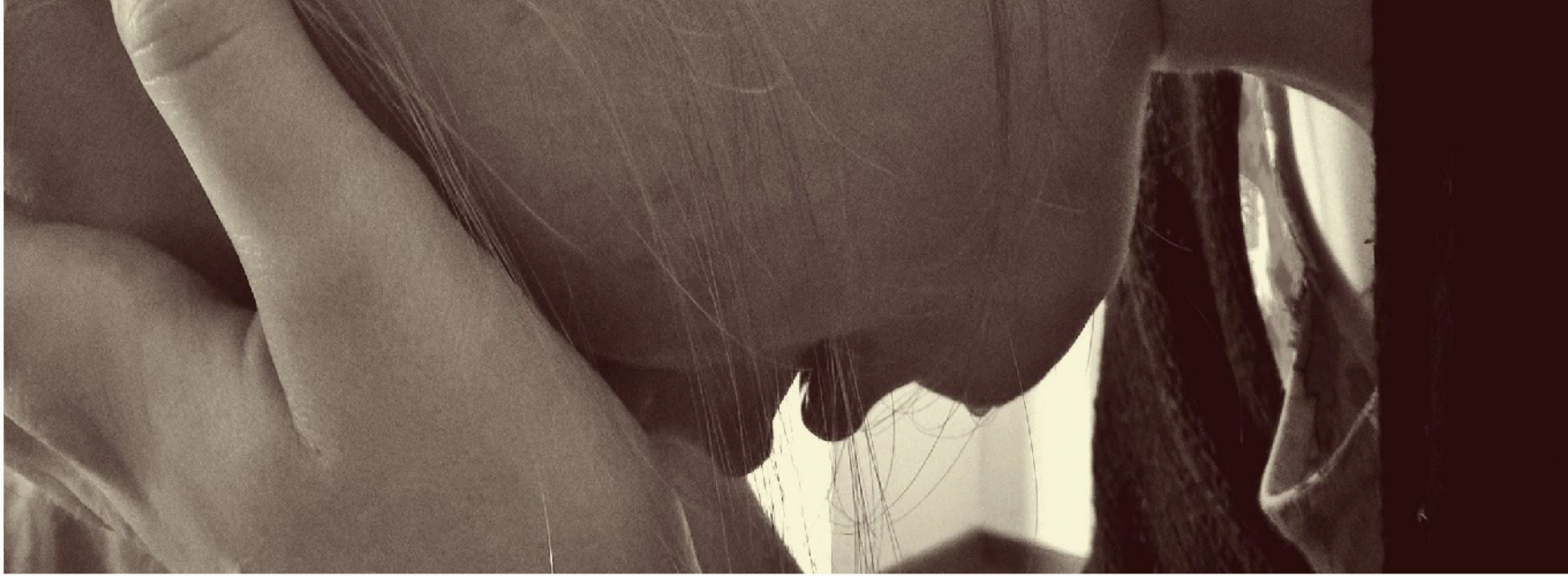
<sup>9</sup>So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing...



**Just keep**  
**holding on.** —●

**Galatians 6:9b NLT**

...if we don't give up.



If you lack depth and determination you'll quit something that's difficult at the earliest explainable opportunity.

# The Delayed Destiny Prayer

---

**“God, what do you want to develop in my life through this delay?”**

---

## **Genesis 50:20 NLT**

---

<sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.