



Message Outline

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2 Peter 1:5-7; 3:8-9

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✓ God operates on a different pace, schedule, and timeline than we do

2 Peter 3:8

- **NEVERTHELESS IT IS SO EASY FOR US TO CONCLUDE**
The Lord is being slow

2 Peter 3:9a

- **BUT THOSE WHO PERSEVERE EVENTUALLY REALIZE**
The Lord is being patient

2 Peter 3:9b

...knowing that...

- **God is protecting us**
- **God is pursuing us**
- **God is building perseverance in us**

2 Peter 3:9c

2 Peter 3:9d

2 Peter 1:5-7

✓ TAKEAWAY: God's delays are often His mercy in disguise



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. What's something you're currently waiting for (a package, a project, a vacation, to finish college, a grandchild's visit, an answered prayer, etc.)? How patient are you when it comes to waiting?
2. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9 and review the sermon outline. What stood out to you from the Sunday message? What challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Peter says that "with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." How does that verse challenge the way you typically think about God's timing?
4. Can you think of a season when you were convinced God was moving too slowly, but later realized His timing was actually good? What changed your perspective?
5. Which of these three truths speaks most directly to your current season —> God is protecting us, God is pursuing us, or God is building perseverance in us? Why?
6. Verse 9 says God is "not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." How does God's concern for lost people help explain what sometimes feels like a delay in Christ's return?
7. Perseverance is more than simply hanging on. According to 2 Peter 1:5-7, it is part of a growing and maturing faith. What is the difference between merely enduring a difficult season and allowing God to use that season to shape your character?
8. Doug said, "God's delays are often His mercy in disguise." Have you ever experienced a delay that later turned out to be a gift? What happened?
9. Uncle Dave planted trees knowing the harvest would come decades later. What is one area of your life where God may be calling you to plant, trust, serve, pray, or invest faithfully today, even if you don't see the results for a long time?