



# RCCG OCEANIA

Faith & Trust

## GOD'S TIMING AND LIFE'S PURPOSE

### AT A GLANCE

#### BIG IDEA

Discover how God's timing is perfect and purposeful, interweaving our lives with others for His greater plan. Through biblical examples, learn to trust in His sovereignty and wait patiently for His promises to unfold, knowing that His plans are for our good and lead to a fulfilling end.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 21:1-7

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Jeremiah 29:11

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Luke 1:1-25

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

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- God has a unique purpose for each life, interconnected with others.
- Divine timing is essential for fulfilling God's purpose.
- God's plans are inherently good and lead to a hopeful future.
- Patience and trust in God's timing are crucial.
- Biblical figures exemplify waiting on God's promises.

## INTRODUCTION

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Understanding God's timing and purpose in our lives can bring immense peace and direction. By examining biblical narratives, we can see how God's perfect timing is woven into the fabric of our existence, guiding us toward His ultimate plan for good.

## SCRIPTURE READING

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- **Genesis 21:1-7** — Illustrates God's fulfillment of promise to Sarah and Abraham with the birth of Isaac.
- **Jeremiah 1:4-5** — Emphasizes God's knowledge and purpose for individuals before birth.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** — Affirms God's good plans and expected end for individuals.
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** — Mentions God's timetable for everything.
- **Luke 1:1-25** — Explains the timing of John the Baptist's birth in relation to Jesus.

## KEY POINTS

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1. **INTERCONNECTED LIFE PURPOSES** — God has a purpose for each individual that is intricately connected with the purposes of others. This interconnectedness is part of His divine plan, ensuring that each person's life contributes to a larger tapestry of His will. Jeremiah's calling before birth exemplifies this, showing that God has a plan for each life even before it begins.
  - Reflect on how your life purpose might be connected to others around you.
  - Consider ways to support others in fulfilling their God-given purposes.
  - Pray for insight into how your actions can align with God's greater plan.

Scripture: **Jeremiah 1:4-5**

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**2. THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVINE TIMING** — Waiting on God's timing is crucial for fulfilling His purpose. What may seem like a delay is part of God's perfect plan. Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time for everything, and Luke's account of John the Baptist's birth highlights how divine timing is essential for God's purposes to unfold.

- Identify areas in your life where you need to wait on God's timing.
- Practice patience by trusting that God's timing is perfect.
- Meditate on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 to understand the seasons of life.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8    Luke 1:1-25

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**3. TRUSTING IN GOD'S GOOD PLANS** — God's plans for us are inherently good and lead to an expected end. Trusting in His sovereignty brings peace and assurance, as seen in Jeremiah's promise that God's plans are to prosper us and not to harm us.

- List ways God has shown His goodness in your life.
- Commit to trusting God's plans even when they are not clear.
- Share a testimony of God's faithfulness with someone this week.

Scripture: [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

4. **BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PATIENCE** — Figures like Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob exemplify the virtue of waiting on God's promises, demonstrating faith and patience. The birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah is a testament to God's faithfulness and the importance of waiting for His timing.
- Study the lives of biblical figures who waited on God's promises.
  - Reflect on a time when patience led to a positive outcome in your life.
  - Encourage someone who is waiting on God's promises.

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## OBSERVATION

- What promises did God fulfill in the lives of Abraham and Sarah?
- How does Jeremiah describe God's knowledge of us before birth?
- What does Ecclesiastes say about the timing of events?
- How is the timing of John the Baptist's birth significant?

## INTERPRETATION

- Why is it important to understand that our purposes are interconnected?
- How can waiting on God's timing impact our faith journey?
- What does it mean to trust in God's good plans?
- How do the stories of biblical figures waiting on God encourage us today?

## APPLICATION

- In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's timing more?
- How can you support others in discovering their God-given purposes?
- What steps can you take to cultivate patience in your spiritual walk?
- How can you remind yourself of God's faithfulness in times of waiting?

## PRAYER FOCUS

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- Pray for patience and trust in God's perfect timing.
- Ask for insight into how your life purpose connects with others.
- Seek peace in knowing God's plans are for your good.
- Pray for strength to wait on God's promises.

## NEXT STEP

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Reflect on areas in your life where you need to trust God's timing and seek His guidance through prayer.

## CONCLUSION

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God's timing and purpose are intricately woven into the fabric of our lives. By trusting in His perfect plan, we can find peace and assurance, knowing that He is working all things together for our good. As we wait on His promises, let us be encouraged by the examples of faith and patience found in Scripture.