

# NOT SLOW, BUT PATIENT

2 Peter 3:8-10 // March 27, 2022

## THE TIMING OF HIS PROMISE

We, just like the early church, can become distracted by false teachers or by the things of this world. Peter is trying to reassure the church that Jesus is going to do what he said he was going to do. That he is coming back!

Peter is not telling Christians that they are wrong for believing and hoping that Christ is coming back quickly, but instead is telling them that they should not become impatient or frustrated or doubt his return if it is not happening in their timing.

John 14:3//Matthew 26:64//Acts 1:10-11

## GOD'S PATIENCE

Doubters and scoffers are assuming that "the slowness in fulfilling his promise" is an indication that the whole idea of a second coming should be rejected. But Peter is encouraging the believers not to fall into the false teaching that Christ is not returning, but instead to take heart and know that the Lord is faithful to His promise.

Exodus 34:6//Jonah 4:1//Romans 2:3-4

## GOD'S DESIRE

The reason for delay in the coming of Christ, is not because he is slow to fulfill his promise or that he wants to judge the wicked. He delays his coming because he is patient and desires the time for his people to repent and to be saved!

**So wonderful is his love towards mankind, that he would have them all to be saved, and is of his own self prepared to bestow salvation on the lost. - John Calvin**

1 Timothy 2:3-4//Ezekiel 18:32//John 3:16-17



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Mark 7:37**

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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# COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **2 Peter 3.8-10**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

## Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read John 3:16-17 and Romans 2:3-4. Though your sin separated you from God, he graciously gave His Son to save you. The kindness He showed in sending His Son to die for you was meant to lead you to salvation and repentance. How do these verses display God's good news for you?

## Your Life Mission

The condition of our world today can cause us to lose hope in Jesus's promise to us that He is coming back! But believing this blessed assurance can give us great strength in facing the trials that come our way. How can the promise of His coming transform the way you live and interact with others today?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
  - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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