

**TRUSTING GOD'S TIMING IN YOUR LIFE**  
**Christmas Service**

**WHAT JESUS' BIRTH SAYS ABOUT GOD'S TIMING**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for everything that happens.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NAB)** "There is AN APPOINTED TIME for everything, and there is A RIGHT TIME for every activity under heaven."

**Galatians 4:3-5** "When THE RIGHT TIME came, God sent his Son to earth, born of a woman and living under the law, so that his Son could pay for our freedom from the law, and adopt us as his children into God's family!"

2. **God does not tell us** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV)** "God has given us a desire to know the future. He always does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing."

**Acts 1:7 (MSG)** Jesus: "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business."

3. **God is never** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Peter 3:8** "Never forget this. With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day."

**Habakkuk 2:3** GOD: "The vision WILL happen at the time I have appointed. It moves steadily toward its goal and it will not be proven false. If it seems slow or delayed, just wait for it! It will certainly happen. It will not be late!"

4. **God's timing is** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:1-6** "At that time, Caesar Augustus ordered all people under Roman rule to return to their hometown to register in a census... So Joseph took Mary with him to Bethlehem, and by this time, she was very pregnant... In Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby." None of that was convenient.

5. **At the right time,** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 60:22 (TEV)** GOD: "I am the Lord, so when the right time comes, I will make it all happen quickly!"

**Isaiah 49:8 (NCV)** GOD: "At the RIGHT TIME I will answer your prayers!"

## WHAT TO DO WHILE I WAIT FOR GOD'S TIMETABLE

1. **Fear not:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 5:36 (NLT)** Jesus "Don't be afraid. Just trust me."

**Psalm 69:13 (CEV)** "I pray to you, Lord, so when the time is right, please answer me and help me with your wonderful love."

2. **Fret not:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 37:7-8** "Wait and trust the Lord! **DON'T FRET** when others prosper or their dishonest plans succeed. And don't get angry or upset – it only leads to trouble."

**Philippians 4:6 (MSG)** "DON'T FRET or worry. Instead of worrying, pray! Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns."

**1 Peter 5:6 (TEV)** "Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, so that he can lift you up at just THE RIGHT TIME!"

3. **Forget not:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:25** "IF you keep looking closely into God's perfect Word that sets people free and you keep on studying it and you **DON'T FORGET it** and you put it into daily practice—you will be BLESSED by God in all you do!"

**Psalm 1:1-3 (TEV)** "Happy are those who...find joy in obeying the Word of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They're like trees that grow strong beside a stream, and bear fruit at the RIGHT TIME and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do!"

4. **Faint not:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 6:9** "We must never get tired of doing what is right and good, for AT THE RIGHT TIME we will reap a harvest of blessing IF we don't give up or quit."

**It is always the right time to do these two things:**

• \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 3:19 (MSG)** "NOW is the time to change your ways and **COME BACK** to God so he can wipe away your sins and pour out showers of blessing to refresh you."

**Isaiah 54:7 (TEV)** GOD: "With deep love I will take you back!"

• \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Timothy 2:6 (ICB)** "Jesus gave himself to pay for the sins of everyone. He is the proof that God wants all of us to be saved. And that proof came at the RIGHT TIME."

**2 Corinthians 6:2** "This hour is the RIGHT TIME to receive my grace! The day of salvation is NOW! Today I'm ready to save you!"