





Our Time Struggle





Lesson #4: Slowing down allows us live in God Time.



Time Origin

God Created Time
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



Genesis 1:1





Time Origin

God Put in Place our Time Measurements

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.





Time Origin

God Placed a Limit on Our Time

And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."



Genesis 3:22



God's Time

God Does not view time the way we view time

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8







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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.





Unchanged by Time

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.





Exodus 3:14-15



Unchanged by Time

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

Hebrews 13:8







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Even my beliefs, things I would have once argued about now I have come to the realization things are not so black and white





Time changes everyone and everything, except God





How does a being wrapped in time (me) related to a being that is timeless (God)?





Living in God Time







Eternal Prospective

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11







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Fear God and keep his commands







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Jeremiah 29:11





God knows the plan he has for you.







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Usually, he gives it to you one step at a time







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The plan only works if we follow it



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



Romans 8:28





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That means we may not see anyway imaginable is to how it can be good for me in the moment





In the realm of timeless and eternity it will be what is best

