

#A TIME TO

PLANT



**Had an event
where
you've felt
disappointed?**



Sometimes we invest so
much energy and hope into
an ***EVENT*** rather than
THE PROCESS.



TRUTH 1

***WE OVERESTIMATE EVENTS
AND UNDERESTIMATE THE
VALUE OF PROCESS***



“AND SUDDENLY” moments in Scripture

**39 Verses about “Suddenly” times from 17 Books,
many of them Gods intervention.**

5 times recorded in Book of Acts about a “suddenly” moment:

Acts 2:2, Acts 9:3, Acts 16:26, Acts 22:6, Acts 28:6

We can and should pray for them but we can't live in them!

GOD'S TRUE VIEW OF YOU: In Christ . . .

Process of IDENTITY - get locked into Gods view off us

1. I'm completely accepted
2. I'm extremely valued
3. I'm eternally loved
4. I'm totally forgiven
5. I'm fully capable

1 Peter 2:9-10



Galatians 6:9 DON'T GET WEARY, DON'T GET FATIGUED! DON'T GIVE UP!

Eph 1:10-11 God is working things out according to his purpose

Heb 11:6, 39-40 It takes a spirit of patient perseverance as we wait on the promise, we have to learn to trust him while we wait on the harvest.

James 5:7 Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.



THE LAW OF PROCESS - John Maxwell

We develop **DAILY** not in a **DAY**.



BIBLE VERSES ON PROCESS

Exodus 23:29-30 “little by little” - Gods motivation is our protection

Mark 4:26-29 Parable of the Growing Seed

2 Peter 1:4-7 “make every effort to add....”

2 Peter 3:18 “grow in grace”: our encounter *with* God and knowledge *of* Him



HOW DO WE DO THIS?

One of ways is to engage in the **Spiritual Disciplines**

abstinence

Solitude

Silence

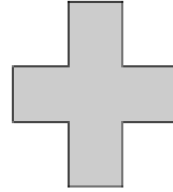
Fasting

Frugality

Chastity

Secrecy

Sacrifice



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Study

Worship

Celebration

Service

Prayer

Fellowship

Confession

Submission

“A farmer is helpless to grow grain; all he can do is provide the right conditions for the growing of grain. He cultivates the ground, he plants the seed, he waters the plants, and then the natural forces of the earth take over and up comes the grain... This is the way it is with the Spiritual Disciplines - they are a way of sowing to the Spirit... By themselves the Spiritual Disciplines can do nothing; they can only get us to the place where something can be done.”

— Richard J. Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*



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5G's OF THE SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION PROCESS -

GRACE - GROWTH - GROUPS - GIFTS - GIVING



Conclusion: **ACTION POINTS**

- What do I need to **CHANGE**?
- What am I **WILLING** to do?
- Who else **NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED** in discussing this with me?



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