



**4 Answers:**  
**When God Says, "Slow"**  
 1 Chron 17:1-27 & Eph 1:8-11

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*Further  
 Discussion  
 & Study*



**HURRY UP AND WAIT**

**DAVID'S GREAT IDEA**

{1 Chronicles 17:1-15}

It seemed like a great idea & good time,  
 but God said, "No, not yet."

**OUR GOOD IDEAS**

Not all of our good ideas  
 are going to be the same as God's ideas.

Asking God to act is to invite Him  
 to subvert our plans and surprise us.

**HIS WILL INCLUDES HIS TIMING**

{ Ephesians 1:8-11 }

We may get a "Slow down,"  
 because it's simply not the right time.

God's will includes His path & His pace.

**EARS TO HEAR**

David had to have someone else help him  
 hear God saying, "Slow down."

Having ears to hear = our heart is eagerly  
 listening for the voice with God's signature.

**THE CHALLENGE: PATIENCE + PRAISE**

{1 Chronicles 17:16-27}

David's reaction wasn't to pout or complain.

Patience = waiting with an eager expectation.

Praise is always in season.

**MORE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- ✦ Recall a recent time when circumstances made you take longer than you wanted to. How well would you rate how you handled having to slow down your plans?
- ✦ Given your personality & personal history, which is more likely the message God is trying to tell you:
  - "Slow down. Not yet."
  - "Come on! Let's go already."
- ✦ What all is mentioned in Ephesians 1:3-8 about God and what He's done that helps us trust in the truth of v9-11? (HINT: THERE'S AT LEAST 1 IN EVERY VERSE)
- ✦ Name 3 people you would trust to help you understand how God is answering your prayers? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✦ When we feel God is replying, "Slow down," which do you think comes first—having *patience* or giving *praise*? Why?

**7 MORE VERSES FOR MEDITATION**

- Deuteronomy 10:10** ➡ Moses knew God's will for the whole community—after 40 days & nights on the mountain.
- 2 Chronicles 28:2-6** ➡ David tells his nation that God said, "No, not yet" to his good idea.
- Psalms 17:6** ➡ We look forward to however and whenever God will answer our prayers, because it'll be another instance of His love.
- Psalms 34:4** ➡ Seeking God never has no result. There's always an answer & never shame.
- John 11:1-44** ➡ Jesus essentially told his friends & the disciples, "No, not yet. God's got even more going on than you realize."
- Colossians 1:9-13** ➡ A good prayer anytime is for others to know God's will and to live it out faithfully & fruitfully.
- 2 Peter 3:8-18** ➡ God has other events He wants to happen before the culmination of salvation, so we keep waiting for it.