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WAITING

It would be wonderful if we never had to wait for anything, but then we would never develop patience. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit, and it often comes through trials and tests.

Often someone knows they have a call on their life. They just sense that God wants to do more through them. You will notice though through so many scriptural examples that the call doesn't happen immediately. Take Moses for example. He was raised in the Egyptian palace. His mother had put him in a little ark that carried him to his destiny with the King's daughter. He was raised as a prince. Then, through instruction from his natural mother, he learned how he was saved from death as an infant and was told his life was important to Jehovah God. Maybe he felt the "call" to be a deliverer. He defended a Hebrew slave when an Egyptian was brutal to him, and it resulted in Moses killing the Egyptian. The next day he saw two Jewish men arguing and they said are you going to kill us too? For fear of his life, he ran from the only life he knew and for forty years was living as a shepherd on the back side of the dessert.

That doesn't sound like a deliverer, does it? I am sure during those 40 years he learned some things. By now he was 80 and then God spoke. 40 years? Why so long? It was during that time that he developed into who he needed to be for "god's plan." He tried to rush it in Egypt only to have to wait.

Then there is Joseph. He had dreams of his brothers and his father and mother bowing down to his sheaves. Jealousy arose because of this and through a series of events he ended up as a slave in Egypt. He also spent much time in prison. His brothers had betrayed him, he was in a foreign land and no matter what he did it seemed to go "south" as they say. Finally, in God's timing he became the second in command in Egypt and saved Egypt as well as his own people.

God uses this "waiting" period to develop the right kind of character in each of us. Like Joseph, Moses, and many others they were put to the test. We will be tested too. The higher the call the greater the test, and the more patience that we will need. Are you in the "waiting" stage? Don't look at your age as a factor. If Moses was called at 80, then God can use you at any age also. Waiting is where we learn to trust God no matter what the circumstances. Waiting is where we grow in faith. Don't resist it. It tempers us like steel in the fire.