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DELAYS

Most of us make plans and do not like it when something happens to delay the plan. It can make a person angry, or depressed or quit on life. Yet, delays can be a good thing.

When the airplanes hit the twin towers in 2001 there were many people that would have died if they had not had delays. Some had a sick child, so they had to stay home. Others had a flat tire, or some other hindrance that kept them from being in that building. I am sure that they were glad for the delay.

When we pray, often there are immediate results, but most of the time the answer does not come immediately. It is during this time that I would call it being in the hallway. You are waiting because one door has shut, and another has not opened. You aren't really sure what the next move should be. Being alone in a hallway is not always pleasant, but it can be productive if we so choose. This can be a time of getting quiet and alone with God in worship and meditation on the word. It can bring great peace until the answer comes.

Daniel prayed and it took 21 days for the answer to come because there was a battle in the heavenlies. The very moment he prayed the answer was sent, but the Prince of Persia (a demonic entity) tried to stop the prayer from coming. You see, Satan sees what is going on in the spiritual realm, and he will do everything he can do to stop the answer from getting to you.

During the delay we can give up or trust God that He will bring the answer. Delays can be a good thing, or they can be a battle. The way we react will determine how long it takes to get an answer. Let praise be your weapon of defense when you wait. Praise releases you from fear and doubt. Praise is a sword that cuts the enemy off from hindering the answer. Let your mouth be filled with praise and thanksgiving, knowing that God has a perfect plan even in the delays.