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The Faster I Go, The Behinder I Get

(How to see the signs)

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"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away." (Ecc 3:1-8 NIV)

The right thing done . . .

at the **wrong time** is a **sad** thing.

in the **wrong way** is a **pride** thing.

for the **wrong reason** is a **trust** thing.

at the **right time**, in the **right way**, for the **right reason** is a **God thing!**

"Then the LORD said to Joshua, 'See, **I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.** March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in.'" (Joshua 6:2-5 NIV)

Trusting God's Timing Means

Today I will **surrender** to the love of God.

"When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." (Mat 11:1-6, NIV)

Today I will **submit** to the providence of God.

"You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always," (John 15:16 TLB)

Today I will **trust** God's heart when I can't **trace** His hand.

"After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Master, you know I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' He then asked a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' 'Yes, Master, you know I love you.' Jesus said, 'Shepherd my sheep.' Then he said it a third time: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, 'Do you love me?' so he answered, 'Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go.' He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, 'Follow me.'" (John 21:15-19, The Message)