

Live It 8 — Rest Doesn't Rush

Take-Home Devotional • God Is Patient

WEEKLY GRATITUDE PROMPT

Gratitude helps us see that God's slow work was never wasted.

This week: Each day, thank God for one thing that took time to grow — a friendship, a healed wound, a lesson learned slowly, a prayer answered later than you wanted. Looking back at His patient work builds trust for what you're waiting on now.

Write it down or say it out loud before bed.

GOAL FOR THE WEEK

Trust grows when we sit with God instead of rushing Him.

This week's goal: Read 2 Peter 3:8–9 once each day. Don't rush it — sit with it. Each time, ask one question: What does this show me about God? Then name one slow place to trust Him with.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Devotional 1 — Not Slow, but Patient

Read This Verse: 2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... Instead he is patient with you.” What the world calls slowness, God calls patience — and His patience is aimed at rescue. Every day an answer is delayed may be a day grace is extended. The waiting you resent may be the very mercy you needed. God is not dragging His feet; He is holding the door open.

Reflection Prompt: Where have you been calling God slow when He has actually been being patient?

Prayer Prompt: “God, help me trust that Your timing is mercy, even when it's slower than I want.”

Devotional 2 — Working In the Waiting

Read This Verse: Philippians 1:6

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.” God is not only trying to get you out of something; He is doing something in you while you're in it. A weed shoots up overnight; an oak takes decades. Slow growth is strong growth. The seed underground looks like nothing is happening, right up until it breaks the surface. God is not wasting your waiting — He is working in it.

Reflection Prompt: What might God be growing in you that only slow time can grow?

Prayer Prompt: “God, do Your work in me while I wait. Help me not despise the pace of growth.”

Devotional 3 — He Didn't Give Up On Peter

Read This Verse: John 21:17

Peter denied Jesus three times — and Jesus, by a beach fire, gently asked three times, “Do you love me?” and gave him his calling back: “Feed my sheep.” Jesus did not write Peter off after his worst failure; He

patiently restored him. That is how God treats you. He does not give up halfway through your story. And because He has been so patient with you, you can be patient with the people still growing around you.

Reflection Prompt: Where have you written yourself off that God is still patiently restoring? Who else have you given up on too soon?

Prayer Prompt: "God, thank You for not giving up on me. Help me be as patient with others as You are with me."