

Pastor Brian's  
Mid Week Message  
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**"IN DUE TIME"**

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.* Romans 5:6

It's often said that "God's timing is perfect". That is so true. The things that God wants to happen do so exactly at the time that He wants them to happen. Not a moment sooner and not a moment later. You most certainly can't say the same things about the things of this world. Take for example this message, along with real estate transactions. "TLC This Week" typically arrives in your email box early on Thursday afternoons. That's the way I like it to happen. That is certainly not the case this week (I'm typing this early on a Friday afternoon) due to what was supposed to be a real estate transaction. Let me explain. Yesterday we went up to Venice to sign the papers for closing the sale of our previous home. We did get that done. What did not get done was the closing itself. There are a couple of mortgage companies behind the delay, one being used by the purchaser of our soon to be former home, and the other providing financing for the buyer of her soon to be previous home. Neither of them was anywhere near ready to complete these transactions. So now we wait until they can line up all their ducks and get this done. We're hopeful that might happen by Tuesday. It was just a little less than two months ago we had a similar experience in purchasing our current home. This time it was our lender who dropped the ball and didn't have the documentation ready on time, costing us about nine hours over two days and having to sit in an attorney's conference room for seven of those hours. Patience is a "fruit of the spirit" so I am trying very hard right now to be fruitful. Actually, this isn't that big of a deal for us, as our life goes on pretty much as normal. For our buyer though, it is a BIG deal, as all of her possessions are locked up in a truck somewhere in south Sarasota County waiting to be able to be delivered. We human beings want what we want, and we want it right now. Patience doesn't seem to come naturally. At the same time, we don't get to see the BIG picture, that which God sees and knows. Getting what we want just when we want might prove disastrous due to some consequence that we have no knowledge of. For 1000s of years God's people longed for the coming of Messiah, the Son of God who would come from heaven to save the world. God had promised many times that He would make this happen. The faithful waited and waited, generations were born and died, but God did not act on the promise. That's because the timing was not quite right. Finally, that time came. All things were aligned as God wanted them. *"But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."* (Galatians 4:4-5) At just the right time Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. The Son of God took on human flesh and dwelt among us, as one of us. Then some 33 years later, again at just the right time, He willingly took on the cross, suffering and dying under the weight of all sin from all sinners. With the work of redemption completed and judged sufficient in Christ's resurrection our Savior returned to heaven with the promise given that He would return to take us all to be with Him forever in the Kingdom of Heaven. That hasn't happened yet because the time is not yet right...so we wait. While we wait though, God has given us meaningful work to do, work that is of the utmost importance, that of sharing the good news of Jesus with all people so that they too might believe in Jesus and receive God's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life by faith in Him. Jesus himself says, *"It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns."* (Matthew 24:26) While we wait, life goes on as it should. We have a job to do and the power of God's Spirit living in us enabling and empowering us to get it done. So, let's talk about Jesus. Let's point people to Jesus. Let's be Jesus to the people all around us. Let's live and love the way God has loved us, and at just the right time, in God's perfect time, we'll receive the crown of glory that God has waiting for us.