

Keeping the Faith

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It is easy to have great excitement.

- Couple has great plans for marriage
- Start business and want success in life
- Student and wants to have good results
- May be you have great dreams and goals
- ... etc.

But excitement is often followed by trials and tribulations.

You have to believe that there are waves in life. Just like a sea, there is always high tide and low tide. Hence there are ups and downs.

The real Christian walk is not the day of victory but the day after victory. Because after victory, there are often disappointments and low points.

(Galatians 6:9) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

“*Due Season*” means it is at the proper time. But if you lose heart while doing good, you are losing the cycle in life. You need to stick your grounds to what you are doing in life.

5 Waves in your Life *(always happening in sequence and series)*

1. Dream Wave

This is the start point for everyone. When you have an idea, goal, vision.

A dream does not cost you anything – it is free. God always uses dream. God uses the dream element in all of us.

A dream can get crash and destroy. That will lead to the next wave...

2. Decision Wave

Life is a series of decision. A decision is a mind step before a break through step.

You make a decision whether to follow the dream or not.

A dream will always be worthless until you choose to go for it.

There is a time when you need to count the cost and put in the investment.

3. Delay Wave

Delay is the beginning of sorrows.

This is the time lapse when you become very fearful and worried.

Nothing is more common than waiting.

Every day you are waiting for...

- Traffic
- Report for school
- Partner in life
- ... etc.

Everywhere you go, the common thing is waiting.

Sometimes we just need to be patient.

God takes us through this stage call delay because this stage called delay is the stage called trust.

Before anyone gets married, there must be a courtship period. This is the stage of trust and testing. It makes you strong and more trustworthy.

Saddest thing is when people ask, “*Why me?*” But the question should be “*Why not you?*” God knows your future and God wants to see the present you.

Commitments are partial test for eternal – it belongs to the stage called trust.

Delay is never denial. Part of maturity is learning the difference between “*No*” and “*Not yet*”.

Delay will never destroy purpose. Because delay serves purpose. It is to cultivate you and part of God’s purpose, part of the wave process.

4. Dead-end Wave

A dead-end is a situation where it appears hopeless or impossible. God will possibility brings you to a dead-end.

That is when you need to start praying. God will always those who are stuck, praying.

When you in a dead-end, that is the place of prayer. Never once in the Bible did God reply anyone who was stuck yet not pray. But God always reply to those who prayed.

So if you are stuck today, start praying.

5. Deliverance Wave

Every time when God does a miracle, He will always save you from something and cause you to lose something.

Example: When you gave your heart to Jesus, you will renounce (*cut off*) your past.

Deliverance is not just saving a bad situation to good.

Deliverance is God motivating you to get stronger and stronger because life will get tougher and tougher. Life it is supposed to get tough. If it does not get tougher, you will not get into a higher position.

Conclusion...

Which *wave* are you right now?

Where in your life are you right now?

There must be a platform for all these waves to take place.

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