



# HESED

## Why Does It Seem That Sometimes God Is Late? The Key To Receiving From God Is Believing What God Says About Himself & You

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**Hesed:** Love, lovingkindness, unfailing love, loyalty, everlasting kindness, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, grace, extravagant generosity, glory, honor, favor, loyal friendship, goodness

**Exodus 34** <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, **“Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.”**  
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**Numbers 14** <sup>11a</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, **“How long will these people treat me with contempt? Will they never believe me,...”** NLT

**Matthew 13** <sup>53</sup> When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country. <sup>54</sup> He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he (Jesus) taught there (Nazareth) in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, “Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?” <sup>55</sup> Then they scoffed, “He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. <sup>56</sup> All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?” <sup>57</sup> **And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.** Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.” <sup>58</sup> **And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.**  
NLT

**Mark 11** <sup>24</sup> **I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.** <sup>25</sup> **But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against,** so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.” NLT - <sup>24</sup> This is the reason I urge you to boldly believe for whatever you ask for in prayer—be convinced that you have received it and it will be yours. TPT

**Numbers 23** <sup>19</sup> **“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”** NKJV

**Hebrews 6** <sup>12</sup> So don’t allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but **follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance.** TPT

**Romans 4** <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” **This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.** <sup>18</sup> **Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping**—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” <sup>19</sup> And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> **He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.** <sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous. <sup>23</sup> And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn’t just for Abraham’s benefit. It was recorded <sup>24</sup> **for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.** <sup>25</sup> He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. NLT - <sup>18</sup> **Against all odds, when it looked hopeless, Abraham believed the promise and expected God to fulfill it. He took God at his word, and as a result he**

**became the father of many nations.** God's declaration over him came to pass: "Your descendants will be so many that they will be impossible to count!"<sup>19</sup> In spite of being nearly one hundred years old when the promise of having a son was made, his faith was so strong that it could not be undermined by the fact that he and Sarah were incapable of conceiving a child.<sup>20-21</sup> **He never stopped believing God's promise,** for he was made strong in his faith *to father a child*. And **because he was mighty in faith and convinced that God had all the power needed to fulfill his promises, Abraham glorified God!** TPT

**Ecclesiastes 3**<sup>1</sup> **For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.**  
NLT

## Sometimes It Seems As If God Is Late

**Luke 8**<sup>40</sup> When Jesus returned to Galilee, the crowds were overjoyed, for they had been waiting for him to arrive.<sup>41-42</sup> Just then, a man named **Jairus, the leader of the local Jewish congregation, fell before Jesus' feet. He desperately begged him to come and heal his twelve-year-old daughter, his only child, because she was at the point of death.** As Jesus started to go with him to his home to see her, a large crowd surrounded him.<sup>43</sup> **In the crowd that day was a woman who had suffered greatly for twelve years from slow bleeding.** Even though she had spent all that she had on healers, she was still suffering.<sup>44</sup> Pressing in through the crowd, she came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his garment. Instantly her bleeding stopped *and she was healed*.<sup>45</sup> Jesus suddenly stopped and said to his disciples, **"Someone touched me. Who was it?"** While they all denied it, Peter pointed out, "Master, everyone is touching you, trying to get close to you. The crowds are so thick we can't walk through all these people without being jostled."<sup>46</sup> Jesus replied, **"Yes, but I felt power surge through me.** Someone touched me to be healed, and they received their healing."<sup>47</sup> When the woman realized she couldn't hide any longer, she came and fell trembling at Jesus' feet. Before the entire crowd she declared, "I was desperate to touch you, Jesus, for I knew if I could just touch even the fringe of your garment I would be healed."<sup>48</sup> Jesus responded, **"Beloved daughter, your faith in me released your healing.** You may go with my peace."<sup>49</sup> While Jesus was still speaking to the woman, someone came from Jairus' house and told him, **"There's no need to bother the Master any further. Your daughter has passed away. She's gone."**<sup>50</sup> When Jesus heard this, he turned to Jairus and said, **"Don't yield to your fear. Have faith in me and she will live again."**<sup>51</sup> When they arrived at the house, Jesus allowed only Peter, John, and Jacob—along with the child's parents—to go inside.<sup>52</sup> Jesus told those left outside, who were sobbing and wailing with grief, **"Stop crying. She is not dead; she's just asleep and must be awakened."**<sup>53</sup> **They laughed at him, knowing for certain that she had died.**<sup>54</sup> Jesus approached the body, took the girl by her hand, and called out with a loud voice, **"My sleeping child, awake! Rise up!"**<sup>55-56</sup> Instantly her spirit returned to her body and she stood up. Jesus directed her stunned parents to give her something to eat and ordered them to tell no one what just happened. TPT

**John 11**<sup>1-2</sup> In the village of Bethany there was a man named **Lazarus, and his sisters, Mary and Martha.** Mary was the one who would anoint Jesus' feet with costly perfume and dry his feet with her long hair. One day Lazarus became very sick to the point of death.<sup>3</sup> So his sisters sent a message to Jesus, **"Lord, our brother Lazarus, the one you love, is very sick. Please come!"**<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, he said, **"This sickness will not end in death for Lazarus, but will bring glory and praise to God.** This will reveal the greatness of the Son of God by what takes place."<sup>5-6</sup> **Now even though Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, he remained where he was for two more days.**<sup>7</sup> Finally, on the third day, he said to his disciples, "Come. It's time to go to Bethany."<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus added, "Lazarus, our friend, has just fallen asleep. It's time that I go and awaken him."<sup>12</sup> When they heard this, the disciples replied, "Lord, if he has just fallen asleep, then he'll get better."<sup>13</sup> Jesus was speaking about Lazarus' death, but the disciples presumed he was

talking about natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> **Then Jesus made it plain to them, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And for your sake, I’m glad I wasn’t there, because now you have another opportunity to see who I am so that you will learn to trust in me. Come, let’s go and see him.”** <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, remarked to the other disciples, “Let’s go so that we can die with him.” <sup>17–18</sup> Now when they arrived at Bethany, which was only about two miles from Jerusalem, **Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.** <sup>19</sup> Many friends of Mary and Martha had come from the region to console them over the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> And when Martha heard that Jesus was approaching the village, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, **“My Lord, if only you had come sooner, my brother wouldn’t have died.”** <sup>22</sup> **But I know that if you were to ask God for anything, he would do it for you.”** <sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise and live.” <sup>24</sup> She replied, “Yes, I know he will rise with everyone else on resurrection day.” <sup>25</sup> “Martha,” Jesus said, **“You don’t have to wait until then. I am the Resurrection, and I am Life Eternal.** Anyone who clings to me in faith, even though he dies, will live forever. <sup>26</sup> And the one who lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> Then Martha replied, **“Yes, Lord, I do! I’ve always believed that you are the Anointed One, the Son of God who has come into the world for us!”** <sup>28</sup> Then she left and hurried off to her sister, Mary, and called her aside from all the mourners and whispered to her, “The Master is here and he’s asking for you.” <sup>29</sup> So when Mary heard this, she quickly went off to find him, <sup>30</sup> for Jesus was lingering outside the village at the same spot where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup> Now when Mary’s friends who were comforting her noticed how quickly she ran out of the house, they followed her, assuming she was going to the tomb of her brother to mourn. <sup>32</sup> When Mary finally found Jesus outside the village, she fell at his feet in tears and said, **“Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”** <sup>33</sup> When Jesus looked at Mary and saw her weeping at his feet, and all her friends who were with her grieving, he shuddered with emotion and was deeply moved with tenderness and compassion. <sup>34</sup> He said to them, “Where did you bury him?” “Lord, come with us and we’ll show you,” they replied. <sup>35</sup> Then tears streamed down Jesus’ face. <sup>36</sup> Seeing Jesus weep caused many of the mourners to say, “Look how much he loved Lazarus.” <sup>37</sup> Yet others said, “Isn’t this the One who opens blind eyes? **Why didn’t he do something to keep Lazarus from dying?**” <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, with intense emotions, came to the tomb—a cave with a stone placed over its entrance. <sup>39</sup> Jesus told them, “Roll away the stone.” Then Martha said, “But Lord, it’s been four days since he died—by now his body is already decomposing!” <sup>40</sup> Jesus looked at her and said, **“Didn’t I tell you that if you will believe in me, you will see God unveil his power?”** <sup>41</sup> So they rolled away the heavy stone. Jesus gazed into heaven and said, “Father, thank you that you have heard my prayer, <sup>42</sup> for you listen to every word I speak. **Now, so that these who stand here with me will believe that you have sent me to the earth as your messenger, I will use the power you have given me.**” <sup>43</sup> Then with a loud voice Jesus shouted with authority: **“Lazarus! Come out of the tomb!”** <sup>44</sup> Then in front of everyone, Lazarus, who had died four days earlier, slowly hobbled out—he still had grave clothes tightly wrapped around his hands and feet and covering his face! Jesus said to them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.” <sup>45</sup> **From that day forward many of those who had come to visit Mary believed in him, for they had seen with their own eyes this amazing miracle!** TPT

**Luke 1** <sup>45</sup> **You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.** NLT

**Habakkuk 3** <sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— <sup>18</sup> **Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.** NKJV

**Job 13** <sup>15</sup> **Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.** NKJV