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The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

I was late submitting this article. Somewhere between proofreading my husband's newest publishing project, finishing up the homeschool year with four kids, potty-training the three-year-old, chasing after a baby who started walking long before I was ready, or a bazillion other things, I forgot all about this article. Not that long ago, such a failure would have sent me into a downward spiral of self-condemnation and doubt of my aptitude for my position with Parish Education. Maybe you have found yourself in a similar situation of wondering if you will ever measure up to the person you feel called to be.

But God has been reminding me that Abraham acted out of doubt of God's promises, and yet God holds him up as an example of faith. David chased the heart of his good friend's wife, but God calls him a man after His own heart. Moses found his tongue bound by disability, but God chose him to speak freedom to the Israelites. As they say, God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. The Lord doesn't see as man sees. The Lord sees the heart. And the heart that God sees is covered with the perfect blood of Christ.

Unlike us, God is not late in fulfilling His promises. Isaac came to Abraham right when doing so would bring the Lord the most glory. The Israelites were rescued from Egypt right on time. Rahab received deliverance as her home was crumbling around her. And the long-awaited Messiah came to save us all from our sins at just the time and in just the way God had promised from the beginning. Because of this, we can also trust with full assurance that Jesus will return for us at just the right time.

When we find ourselves late once again, or in some other way having failed to measure up, we no longer need to feel condemnation or self-doubt. We can rest that our failures are not our identity, that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, and that the most important promises have been upheld by Christ Himself. "For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

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