

## Great Expectations

Patience.....Delayed gratification....good things come to those who wait....In due time.....Just wait and see..... Those are not the words of our society...we are into immediate gratification,, microwave cooking, buying on credit, cause and effect....immediate results.

We don't really do patience very well.....we measure our success by immediate outcomes....That is how success is measured in our society.....we expect immediate gains on our investments and immediate results from our efforts. We can't stand slow internet speeds....any pause in streaming....anyone who doesn't immediately answer our texts like they live just waiting for us to need something....We demand self checkout...5G and not 4G networks...Short Sermons...Short lines at restaurants....easy parking..We are a get it now world.

We really struggle with doing something today that we may not benefit from for years....Like Saving Accounts...The generation that fought WWII often thought of the life they would leave for their Grand and Great Grandkids.

We rarely hear someone say that they are doing something so that their great grandkids will benefit. We no longer think that far ahead. Most people only care about the world that they will experience in their lifetime. We are a cause and effect world. I need to see the results of what I do quickly and for sure during my lifetime. We often carry those expectations into the church world and our relationship with God. We expect that our sacrifices will bring results...if not immediate...then soon....if not soon then for sure in our lifetime.

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God is not limited by our time table.

Some of the advances that God makes through us for the kingdom of God are immediate and evident, but often what we do may not really have an impact until generations to come. That is why I never ask the why question. I would never understand the answer. God why is this happening to me? The answer would likely be...so that a family in Tanzania can find hope in Christ in 150 years. God is not on our time table and not limited to our lifetime or our generation for results. He is patient...we are not.

### My Grandfather Story

My Great Great Grandfather, William Andrew Burns, was an illiterate farmer near Hope Arkansas. They were poor, uneducated and just scrapping by. He served in the Civil War as part of the Arkansas 3rd Division. At one point, he was sick with dysentery and was the only man in his regimin who missed the battle at Seven Pines. None of them returned...he was the only survivor.

Eventually he served in the Texas Regimen and lost his leg at Gettysburg. He returned home to the destroyed south in Rural Arkansas.

No one in my family could read or write or had gone past 2nd grade. William's grandson, my grandfather....breezed through school...and was prepared to return like all others to the farm. But a school teacher saw his potential. A teacher and a generous benefactor completely changed the trajectory of our family. He paid for my Grandfather to go through school....then through college...and my Grandfather became superintendent of the school system that taught him. His children, my Dad, Uncles and Aunts, produced engineers, accountants, successful business men, accomplished women and another generation of kids, me and my cousins, who became doctors, engineers, professors, politicians, and pastors.

That man never knew the impact that his kindness and generosity had on our family and on my life. In fact, I can't find his name. He had no idea that his investment in this boy would eventually change lives in Tanzania. But we will get to that later. I should be a farmer in Southern Arkansas- but I think I would have had enough wisdom to go to nearby Texas....In just two generations, the future of our family completely changed. In addition, my Grandfather learned about Jesus because he could read. Our family had been Jehovah's Witnesses....a common faith in rural Arkansas...but my Grandfather surrendered to Christ as did his entire family. One man's generosity changed the destiny....the eternal destiny of my entire family.

The same thing happens spiritually

Spiritual growth begins with the slow process of cultivating land,,,,,,planting the seed....tending to the crops....and eventually reaping the harvest. The seed we throw may not produce anything for generations and God is ok with that...even if we are not. Cash Godbold was a missionary who attended Remnant...He and his wife traveled through the Sudan in an old trailer and shared the gospel with the Muslim world. It was dangerous work...but they were patient....How patient? They did not see their first convert for 37 years....But they kept throwing seeds....God's word never returns void...and The Godbolds...yes that is their name....will witness it from heaven. We may never know the impact of what we are doing....and our evaluation of God's effectiveness and our faithfulness cannot depend upon outcomes that we see.

### Moses

We have been looking for the last two weeks at the life of Moses

Moses was an incredible man....God worked through him in amazing ways.....We learned last week that he was not perfect....that he made mistakes that cost him dearly....but God remained faithful to his promises.

Moses we learned was forbidden by God to enter into the promised land. He had taken credit for what God was doing and acting out in God's name in anger. God expects a great deal from His leaders and Moses missed the mark.

But Moses was special....surely God was just acting out in the moment....right? I mean how could Moses miss out on entering the promised land...it was his dream....

Did I mention that we also live in a culture where people rarely have to pay for the consequences of their actions? It seems with time....punishment softens....

So surely if Moses went back to God after everything calmed down....God would reconsider and let Moses go....right? Look at what Moses writes...

Deuteronomy 3:23–24 (ESV) — 23 “And I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying, 24 ‘O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?’

Great Biblical Begging point here.....always good to start out by praising how great they are before getting to the ask.... It helps to soften them up and pump up their ego....Makes them feel better about giving you what you want.....

Deuteronomy 3:25 (ESV) — 25 Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’

There it is....Moses used the magic word....who can say no to Please..... Do you remember when I said...that God's promises are true? That what He declares will happen...will happen? It works both ways too.....He doesn't change his mind even when you want Him to.

Deuteronomy 3:26 (ESV) — 26 But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again.

So much for pretty please with sugar on it.... But God doesn't stop there....

Deuteronomy 3:27 (ESV) — 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.

Go up on the hill and see what you will be missing. Take a good look around.....because this as close as you are going to get for a while.

Deuteronomy 3:28 (ESV) — 28 But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.'

Not only do you not get to go Moses....you are to encourage and help Joshua live out your bucket list moment. Think about how much this moment must have tested Moses' faith..... After all that he had done.....after all the work he put in.....God isn't being fair....He said he was sorry....God expects too much from me....The problem is not me....it is God. It is easy to go there right? Sometimes our greatest faith step is the one we take when we are ticked off.

Moses is coming to the end of his life. And things aren't exactly going as he had hoped.... I am sure he imagined leading the people into the land of milk and honey.....seeing God establish His earthly kingdom in the land flowing with Milk and Hohey. No more wandering, everyone loving and following God, no more whining.....just greatness.

They will be His people and He will be their God. Just like God promised. Close your eyes....put yourself in this moment....It is hot and dusty.....all you have ever known is dry desert land.....all of your parents died in this wilderness....

You have heard stories of the promised land....you have been told that one day....you would go there... You have heard and seen Moses since your first days....He speaks to God.....He has led you your whole life....You are sick of wandering....sick of searching for water....hungry for real food.

Longing to settle down....in this land...this paradise that you have heard so much about..... And the time has come.....everyone is very excited.....you stand poised on the edge of the greatest adventure of your life. So Moses decides to remind them of God's Promises....His instructions to them before he leaves earth.

Deuteronomy 4:1–3 (ESV) — 1 “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:6 (ESV) — 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

Deuteronomy 28:1–6 (ESV) — 1 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:7–8 (ESV) — 7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven

ways. 8 The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 28:9–10 (ESV) — 9 The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

Deuteronomy 28:12–14 (ESV) — 12 The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13 And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, 14 and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Sounds great doesn't it? Who would not do what God is promising? This is a no brainer....but just to be sure....Moses gives them the alternative

Deuteronomy 28:15–19 (ESV) — 15 “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. 16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. 17 Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. 19 Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:20 (ESV) — 20 “The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.

Deuteronomy 28:21–22 (ESV) — 21 The LORD will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 22 The LORD will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish.

Deuteronomy 28:25–26 (ESV) — 25 “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.

Deuteronomy 28:28–29 (ESV) — 28 The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind, 29 and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.

Deuteronomy 28:30–32 (ESV) — 30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a

vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit. .... 32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless.

Deuteronomy 28:36–37 (ESV) — 36 “The LORD will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. 37 And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the LORD will lead you away.

Deuteronomy 28:45–46 (ESV) — 45 “All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. 46 They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever.

Deuteronomy 28:47–50 (ESV) — 47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. 49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, 50 a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young.

Deuteronomy 28:52–53 (ESV) — 52 “They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the LORD your God has given you. 53 And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you.

Deuteronomy 28:58–61 (ESV) — 58 “If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God, 59 then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. 60 And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. 61 Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the LORD will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 28:64–66 (ESV) — 64 “And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. 65 And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. 66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.

Deuteronomy 30:1–3 (ESV) — 1 “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, 2 and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your

heart and with all your soul, 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

Deuteronomy 30:5–7 (ESV) — 5 And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. 6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.

Deuteronomy 30:9–10 (ESV) — 9 The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, 10 when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 30:15–16 (ESV) — 15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 30:17–20 (ESV) — 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Deuteronomy 31:1–3 (ESV) — 1 So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. 2 And he said to them, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not go over this Jordan.’ 3 The LORD your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken.

Deuteronomy 31:6–8 (ESV) — 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. 8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Great ending right? Moses time to check out. Surely you will leave earth knowing that the people you poured your life into have made the right choice.

How could they not? it is so clear....just obey the Lord and it will be incredible. Moses you can die in peace.....you have delivered the message.....you can die with hope.

But then look at what God does....

Deuteronomy 31:15–16 (ESV) — 15 And the LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud. And the pillar of cloud stood over the entrance of the tent. 16 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them.

Deuteronomy 31:17–18 (ESV) — 17 Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ 18 And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods.

Deuteronomy 31:28–29 (ESV) — 28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

Deuteronomy 32:48–52 (ESV) — 48 That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, 49 “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. 50 And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, 51 because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. 52 For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 34:4–7 (ESV) — 4 And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, 6 and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. 7 Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.

Interesting that we all think God doesn't keep His word. We think that God will grade us on a curve and we can talk Him into doing what we want. Yet God keeps his promises....both good and bad.

Everything that God said would happen to them happened, They intermarried in the Holy Land....they were led to embrace foreign gods,...they forgot the commandment of God and pursued their own pleasures. Eventually they were so rebellious that God allowed the Babylonians to besiege Jerusalem and they were led away as slaves to a foreign land....Babylon.

During the siege things got so bad, that just as God said, they ate their offspring and suffered terrible diseases, boils and death. Then eventually God brought them back....back to the Promised Land....He kept His promises. He restored them Repetitively during the story of the Jewish Nation, God keeps His promises even though they don't keep theirs.

Moses died fully aware that all of his teaching....all of his time with God....all of his instructions and prayers for the Jewish Nation....would end with the in the promised land (that he could not go to) rejecting God and doing the exact opposite of what Moses had begged them to do.

Think how devastating that would be for Moses. He had to have died broken hearted.

We only see what we can see. We often evaluate our lives based on our experiences... Moses had no idea of the impact that his life had on those generations that followed..... He had no idea that we would be speaking about him today....When he died.....He could see the promised land.....but couldn't enter....and he is told by God that the people he had been shepherding.....would go astray....chase other gods.....and pay a deep price for their actions..

The gentleman that paid for my Grandfather's education.....had no idea how that one act of generosity would change generations to come. To my knowledge....when he died.....my grandfather hadn't really accomplished much yet.

That is why I constantly remind myself to life present-forward. Living in the present but knowing that what I do for those around me and for Christ will impact generations to come.

Have you ever noticed that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph were all either buried in the Promised Land or had their bones taken there.?

People could visit their graves But Moses.....

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In fact...the text itself implies that God Himself buried him Moses was buried in the land of Moab....outside the promised land....His burial site is unknown.....odd....right?

Do you remember when I talked about foreshadowing.....How Moses' life points to Jesus

Do you know where Jesus was buried? Can you visit His tomb? God Himself raised Jesus from the dead- to this day no one is really sure where the tomb that couldn't hold Jesus is.

All we know is that one day.....Jesus will return to the Promised Land on a mountain and reveal His glory. Moses didn't get to enter the Promised Land with the Israelites.....but he did enter the promised land....

In fact.....speaking of foreshadowing.....Moses returns to the Promised Land on top of a mountain and reveals the glory of God,

Matthew 17:1–3 (ESV) — 1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Moses was taken up to heaven by God.....and returned to the Promised Land and appeared to Peter James and John

In fact....Peter thought this return was the return of Christ and wanted to build booths for them in accordance with Scripture and the Festival of Booths Peter didn't realize that what was happening was a foreshadowing of the Return of Christ.

In that moment.....The Old Testament Prophet Moses.....the one who would foretell of the Messiah to come (Elijah) and Jesus in all His glory were together. In a sense a foreshadowing of the Bible Story

The deliver Moses....the Prophet Elijah....and the ultimate deliverer Jesus.

Moses died not knowing that his moment of glory would come....that he would reach the promised land....that the people would eventually be delivered.....and all of God's promises would come true.

So what are we do learn from this part of Moses Life?

We can't measure the impact of our life or your actions based on what we can see.

We must live with eternity in mind.

To do so reveals a lack of faith....We tend to demand of God that He constantly prove what He is doing.....We carry our microwave expectations into an eternal plan.

You may never know why God brought you through a trial.....why God asked you to do something.....or why things happen the way that they do We often misuse this passage.....

Romans 8:28 (ESV) — 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Do you see a time frame on that promise? Do you see any indication that God will reveal it all to you on this side of eternnity?

When we live in faith.....we trust that whatever God is doing.....He will use us and our lives to achieve a greater purpose.... Even if that purpose is generations from now.

I honestly believe that I am a doctor and pastor because someone invested in the life of my grandfather generations ago. I am a Christ follower because someone handed a precious seed of the gospel to my family generations before I came.....

I debated long and hard about whether or not to share this because Tammy and I have for the most part kept this quiet. I believe that God wants me to share it now.

Six or so years ago, Tammy and I were on vacation in Tanzania. There we met Freddie our tour guide. We went out with him many days in a row and we bonded because the three of us loved Jesus. He told us about his faith and his family. How he had been a teacher before becoming a tour guide. How his wife was still a teacher.

We learned that the public schools in Tanzania were quite poor because everyone there was poor. He and his wife had dreams for their children to get an education but private schools were incredibly expensive. His kids still had 12 years of school before college and he had two of them.

As we spent days with him, I felt God telling me that it was time to pay it forward. For the past 5 years, Tammy and I have supported his two children through private school...a Christian private school....and have made the commitment to get them through college if they desire. They are in 4th and 3rd grade now. What God started in a place called Hope Arkansas....is impacting two kids in Africa and their lives will have impact long after Tammy and I are gone. I will likely never see what God is going to do in Tanzania but He is working out His plan....and it is good.

I think one of the best things that we will experience in eternity is meeting all the people who impacted and were impacted by our lives. Moments God was orchestrating that we never knew of .

Moses died without seeing the promises of God completely fulfilled...but he had faith....faith that God would keep His promises even if Moses did not get to see them in his lifetime. God's time frame is not limited...but sometimes we try to force Him into our microwave world.

Why would our eternal God limit Himself to our life experiences or expectations? Moses teaches us to live with our minds set on the eternal. On the things God is doing that are not yet seen....

2 Corinthians 4:17–18 (ESV) — 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Yes we live in an instant gratification world.....but God tells us to not be conformed to this world, but rather be transformed by a renewing of our minds

Part of that process is getting our expectations aligned with Gods' timing. We must constantly remind ourselves that God is not limited by our time on earth.....and neither are we. We cannot be driven by only what we can see.....we can't be limited by our life's time clock.

We learn from Moses....to live with eternity in mind and trust God with the eternal outcome. Live your Spiritual life today as if future generations depend upon it....because they do. Lets pray.