



All in God's Timing

Devotions for the 20-Something Woman

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

In recent years, talking about fertility has become much less taboo. Shortly after getting married, my hometown doctor gave me this piece of advice, "There will never be a perfect time to have children." I thought this was profound and thoughtful of her to share as we discussed careers, emotional health, and physical changes that are a part of life. But let me tell you, when you think you're ready for children, it's hard to wait.

Three years later, while I was struggling to conceive, another doctor told me, "Sometimes there's no amount of modern medicine that can help. It's all in God's timing." We know we can trust in God's promises, and yet it is hard when you experience heartbreak on a monthly basis. Continual comfort can be found in God's Word, where we are assured that His ways are the best ways, and that in all circumstances He is faithful. Whether you hold your own biological or adopted child in your arms or become the most awesome aunt (by blood or not) that the world has ever known, may you be reminded that all of God's *work is done in faithfulness* (Psalm 33:4b).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may You give us peace that passes all understanding. As our hearts hope for earthly joys, perhaps the joy of a child, may You focus our hearts on the hope and joy that can only be found in You. Amen.

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