



Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: This Is Taking Too Long

Sermon Foundational Scripture: John 11:1–6 (NIV) — **1** Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) **3** So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” **4** When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” **5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

Sticky Statement:

⇒ Most of the strides you want to make are going to take longer than you want them to take.

Supporting Scriptures:

- ⇒ John 8:32 (NIV)
- ⇒ Romans 12:12 (NIV)
- ⇒ Galatians 6:9 (NIV)
- ⇒ Hebrews 10:36 (NIV)
- ⇒ Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)
- ⇒ John 11:3–6 (NIV)
- ⇒ John 11:11 (NIV)
- ⇒ John 11:28–30 (NIV)

Three Ways To Dealing With Delay:

- ⇒ Culture’s Way: Escape It
- ⇒ Church’s Way: Accept It
- ⇒ King’s Way: Evolve In It

Three Powers For Waiting Well:

- ⇒ The Power of Perception
- ⇒ The Power of Paradox
- ⇒ The Power of Position