



As we have been going through our recent sermon series on Faith in Suffering I have been drawn to a song called Blessings by Laura Story – click on the picture above. I think the words are really powerful and link in with what we have been learning through our teaching on Sundays.

One of the questions that seems to keep cropping up is about God's timing. We pray many times for people and yet don't appear to get any response - if you want to read a bit more about this then I would encourage you to look at 'God on Mute' by Pete Greig.

But for me, I would say that God is always working and maybe the time is needed for the action to be completed to its intended purposes. In the chorus of *Blessings* it says...

*'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise*

Much more challenging words whilst in the middle of suffering, though it is worth noting that this song was written in a time such as that.

But in scripture we are also reminded that God's timing may have a longer horizon than our own. In 2 Peter 3.8-9a it says, *'8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness'*.

God, by his very nature of being God is different and sees a bigger picture than we can ever comprehend. So, as we wait on him to answer, let's trust that he is sovereign and will be faithful to his promise of blessings.