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## Thought for today...

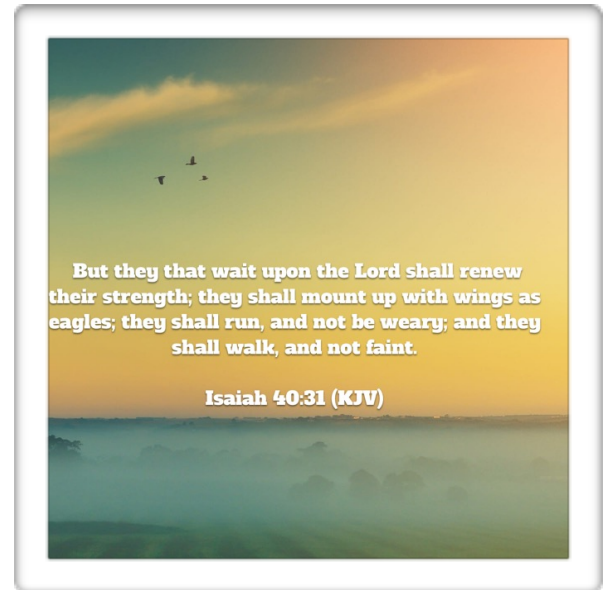
Growing up in the Church, I often heard those who were 'long in the faith' say **"He's a doctor in the sickroom, and a lawyer in the courtroom."**

I grew to understand that those who were in a growing relationship with Christ, had experienced Him being everything they needed Him to be. However, hearing those same people say **"He may not come when you want Him, but He's right on time"**, suggested to me that perhaps God was everything they needed Him to be, just not when they needed Him to be!

As I have grown in my own relationship with the Lord, I have come to the realisation that God's plan and timing are perfect, unlike mine! Have you ever mapped out a seemingly great plan in your mind - what to do, how to do it, who you think needs to be involved, where it should take place and when; only to find that not only does God's timing knock your plan off schedule, but that He has a plan too, and His plan looks nothing like yours?!



When my plans haven't worked out as I'd hoped, with the blessing of hindsight I've been able to thank God that they didn't! Many years ago, I recall seeing a colleague get the job I thought I was perfectly suited for, only to watch her being made redundant 6 months later, as the company realised that the position wasn't needed after all! Now, many years later, the Lord's timing and plan has placed me in my 'dream job', taking me down a completely different path to the one I had envisaged for myself at that time.



I know from experience how frustrating it can be when things are taking too long to happen, or not working out according to plan, but so that we can become all that God desires us to be, and to enable His perfect will for our lives to unfold, let's remember that **"He has made everything beautiful in its time..."** (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

and that **"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1).**

