



Scripture

LUKE 1:26-38



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The two minds of delay

*RESIGNATION VS. RESISTANCE
(SUBMISSION VS. INSUBORDINATION)*

*CONSIDER A MAJOR
PURCHASE WITH A HIGH
PRICE. HOW MUCH DID YOU
THINK ABOUT THE PRICE
AFTER THE PURCHASE?*



*Sometimes
resistance
is noble.*

**IT ALSO DIVIDES THE
MIND, POISONS THE SOUL
AND FILLS THE HEART
WITH RESENTMENT.**

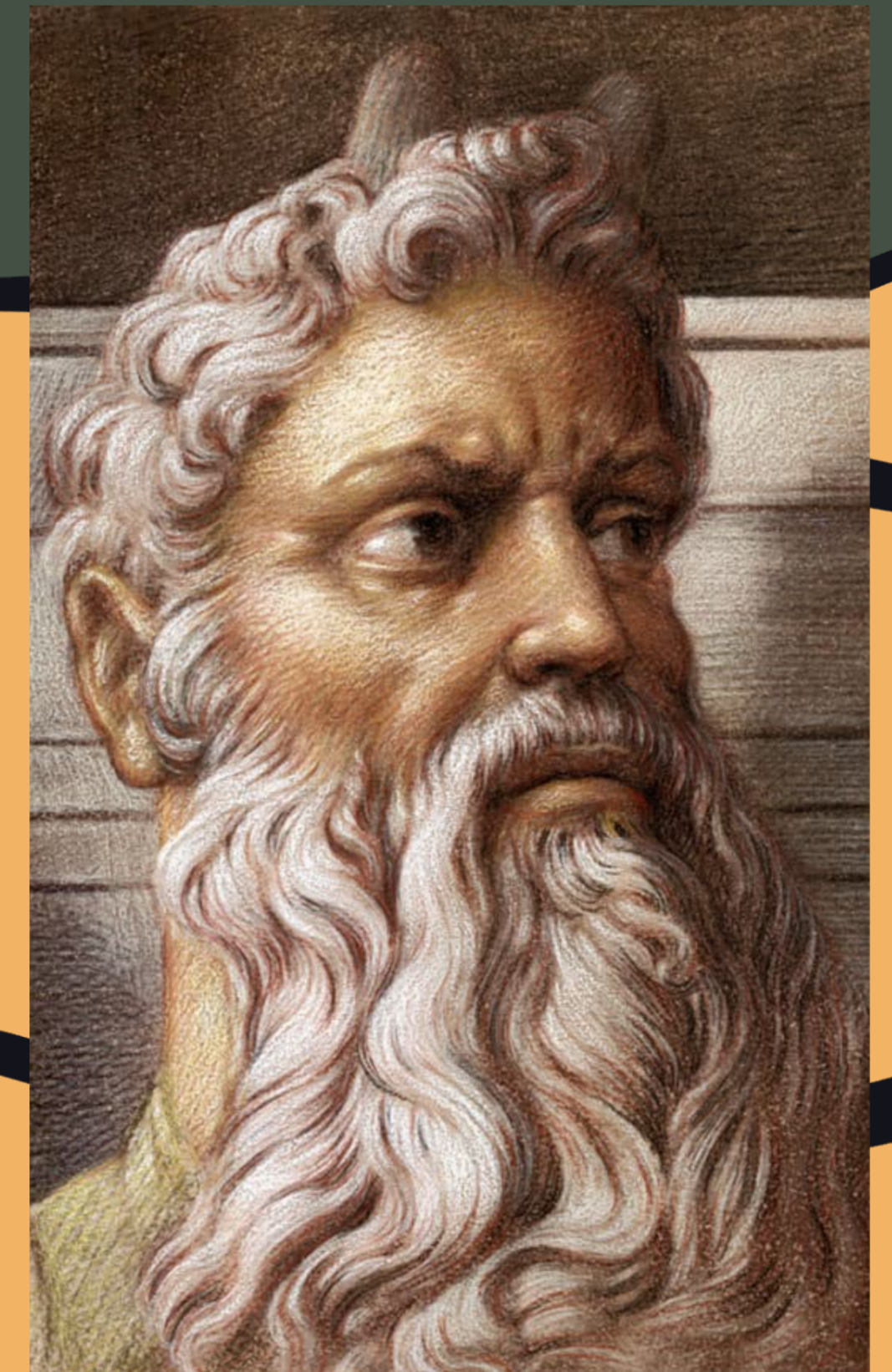


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James 1:5-8

...HE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA,
BLOWN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. THAT MAN
SHOULD **NOT THINK HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING**
FROM THE LORD; HE IS A **DOUBLE-MINDED MAN,**
UNSTABLE IN ALL HE DOES.

*Resignation is the
faith to receive God's
inscrutability.*



Divine Resignation

THE ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S WILL AS THE HIGHEST GOOD; TO WHICH EVERYTHING ELSE IN US MUST SUBMIT, ESPECIALLY OUR WILLS TO HIS.



Ignatius of Loyola

GOD CREATED HUMANS TO KNOW AND LOVE HIM. ALL ELSE IN CREATION SERVES THIS END. SO

WE MUST USE CREATION AS A GIFT TO SERVE THE GREATER END OF GROWING IN THE LIFE OF GOD.

THIS END, AND NOT ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, MUST BE OUR GREAT AIM.



William Bates d. 1699

THE **ENTIRE** RESIGNATION OF OUR
WILLS TO THE **DISPOSING** WILL OF
GOD, IS THE **INDISPENSIBLE**
DUTY OF CHRISTIANS UNDER THE
SHARPEST AFFLICTIONS.



Matthew 26:39-42

*GOING A LITTLE FARTHER, HE FELL WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND AND PRAYED, "MY FATHER, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, MAY THIS CUP BE TAKEN FROM ME. **YET NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL.**"*

*HE WENT AWAY A SECOND TIME AND PRAYED, "MY FATHER, IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THIS CUP TO BE TAKEN AWAY **UNLESS I DRINK IT, MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE.**"*

John 4:32-34


BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "I HAVE FOOD TO EAT THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT."

THEN HIS DISCIPLES SAID TO EACH OTHER, "COULD SOMEONE HAVE BROUGHT HIM FOOD?"

"MY FOOD," SAID JESUS, "IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."

Luke 1:38

*"I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT,"
MARY ANSWERED. "MAY IT BE TO
ME AS YOU HAVE SAID." THEN THE
ANGEL LEFT HER.*

A stylized illustration of a landscape with rolling hills and a small cluster of buildings on a hillside. The hills are represented by simple black outlines, and the buildings are small, blocky shapes in a light green color. The background is a solid dark green color.



*Fruitiful waiting
requires divine
resignation.*



1.

*You'll have more
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**WAITING, ESPECIALLY IN SUFFERING, MAKES ONE
RESTLESS, CRITICAL, RESENTFUL AND IDLE.**

**IF YOU CAN REALLY ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD,
YOU CAN DO WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU.**

WILLIAM BATES
"THE SENSUAL WILL SHOULD APPREHEND SUFFERING WITH JUST HORROR AND TERROR SO AS TO MOTIVATE THE STRONGEST AVERSION TO SUFFERING. THIS IS THE BODILY NATURE WORKING IN ITS PROPER FUNCTION...THERE MUST BE NO REPUGNANCY, BUT A..."

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SENSITIVE WILL TO THE RATIONAL,
AS THE MIND SEES THE BLESSED
EFFECTS OF OUR SUFFERINGS..."

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2.

*You'll have a more
resilient source of joy.*

Luke 1:16–17

"MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL HE BRING BACK TO THE LORD THEIR GOD. AND HE WILL GO ON BEFORE THE LORD, IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN AND THE DISOBEDIENT TO THE WISDOM OF THE RIGHTEOUS—TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD."




3.

*You'll show more
resistance to
corruption.*


1 Corinthians 7:29–31

WHAT I MEAN, BROTHERS, IS THAT THE TIME IS SHORT. FROM NOW ON THOSE WHO HAVE WIVES SHOULD LIVE AS IF THEY HAD NONE; THOSE WHO MOURN, AS IF THEY DID NOT; THOSE WHO ARE HAPPY, AS IF THEY WERE NOT;

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1 Corinthians 7:29-31

THOSE WHO BUY SOMETHING, AS IF IT WERE NOT THEIRS TO KEEP; THOSE WHO USE THE THINGS OF THE WORLD, AS IF NOT ENGROSSED IN THEM. FOR THIS WORLD IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS PASSING AWAY.


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"Smaller Pursuits"

- *ONE DIMENSIONAL SENSUALITY*
- *DISOBEDIENCE*
- *EVIL*
- *IDOLATRY*

Mark 4:18-19

STILL OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD; BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRES FOR OTHER THINGS COME IN AND CHOKE THE WORD, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.

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4.

*You'll participate
in restoration.*

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