

Friends,

The last week has brought some strange weather to the Dayton area. Last week, it was in the 20s and snowing. Just a few days later, it was in the mid 80s with bright, sunny skies.

Of course at this point, I could make the obligatory "that's Ohio weather for you!" statement. But I was thinking about the weather and how it mimics the way that God actually works in our lives.

Much of the time, God does not work according to our schedule. Like a snowstorm in April, God often shows up unexpectedly. Throughout scripture, one of the most consistent things about God is that God does things God's way, and in God's time. This often is much to the dismay of God's people, who often want to be the ones in control of the schedule. One remembers, for instance, how God's people ended up wandering in the desert because they weren't reaching the promised land fast enough, or how they begged for a savior hundreds of years before Jesus showed up on the scene.

It is our human temptation to box God in and expect Him to work on our timeframe. But whenever we think that God is not at work, or not at work fast enough, we need to remember that we are seeing things with our own human eyes. 2 Peter 3:8-9 says, "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. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness."

Most of the time, we may not be able to discern God's work until later on down the road, usually sometime far in the future. But trust that God is always at work, and always in God's perfect timing.

Thanks be to God,
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